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## Medical Policy Ostomy Supplies

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### Related Policies

None

### Policy<sup>1</sup>

#### Commercial Members: Managed Care (HMO and POS), PPO, and Indemnity

The quantity of ostomy supplies needed by a member is determined primarily by the type of ostomy, its location, its construction, and the condition of the skin surface surrounding the stoma. There will be variation according to individual member need and their needs may vary over time.

The table below lists the maximum number of items/units of service that are usually **MEDICALLY NECESSARY**. The actual quantity needed for a particular member may be more or less than the amount listed depending on the factors that affect the frequency of barrier and pouch change.

The explanation for use of a greater quantity of supplies than the amounts listed must be clearly documented in the member's medical record. If adequate documentation is not provided when requested, the excess quantities will be denied as **NOT MEDICALLY NECESSARY**.

#### Usual Maximum Quantity of Supplies

Code	Description	Number per month
A4357	Bedside drainage bag, day or night, with or without antireflux device, with or without tube, each	2
A4362	Skin barrier; solid, 4 x 4 or equivalent; each	20
A4364	Adhesive, liquid or equal, any type, per oz	4
A4367	Ostomy belt, each	1
A4369	Ostomy skin barrier, liquid (spray, brush, etc.), per oz	2
A4377	Ostomy pouch, drainable, for use on faceplate, plastic, each	10
A4381	Ostomy pouch, urinary, for use on faceplate, plastic, each	10
A4402	Lubricant, per oz	4
A4404	Ostomy ring, each	10
A4405	Ostomy skin barrier, nonpectin-based, paste, per oz	4
A4406	Ostomy skin barrier, pectin-based, paste, per oz	4

A4414	Ostomy skin barrier, with flange (solid, flexible or accordion), without built-in convexity, 4 x 4 in or smaller, each	20
A4415	Ostomy skin barrier, with flange (solid, flexible or accordion), without built-in convexity, larger than 4 x 4 in, each	20
A4416	Ostomy pouch, closed, with barrier attached, with filter (one piece), each	60
A4417	Ostomy pouch, closed, with barrier attached, with built-in convexity, with filter (one piece), each	60
A4418	Ostomy pouch, closed; without barrier attached, with filter (one piece), each	60
A4419	Ostomy pouch, closed; for use on barrier with nonlocking flange, with filter (two piece), each	60
A4420	Ostomy pouch, closed; for use on barrier with locking flange (two piece), each	60
A4423	Ostomy pouch, closed; for use on barrier with locking flange, with filter (two piece), each	60
A4424	Ostomy pouch, drainable, with barrier attached, with filter (one piece), each	20
A4425	Ostomy pouch, drainable; for use on barrier with nonlocking flange, with filter (two-piece system), each	20
A4426	Ostomy pouch, drainable; for use on barrier with locking flange (two-piece system), each	20
A4427	Ostomy pouch, drainable; for use on barrier with locking flange, with filter (two-piece system), each	20
A4429	Ostomy pouch, urinary, with barrier attached, with built-in convexity, with faucet-type tap with valve (one piece), each	20
A4431	Ostomy pouch, urinary; with barrier attached, with faucet-type tap with valve (one piece), each	20
A4432	Ostomy pouch, urinary; for use on barrier with nonlocking flange, with faucet-type tap with valve (two piece), each	20
A4433	Ostomy pouch, urinary; for use on barrier with locking flange (two piece), each	20
A4434	Ostomy pouch, urinary; for use on barrier with locking flange, with faucet-type tap with valve (two piece), each	20
A4436	Irrigation supply; sleeve, reusable, per month	1
A4437	Irrigation supply; sleeve, disposable, per month	1
A4450	Tape, nonwaterproof, per 18 sq in	40
A4452	Tape, waterproof, per 18 sq in	40
A5051	Ostomy pouch, closed; with barrier attached (one piece), each	60
A5052	Ostomy pouch, closed; without barrier attached (one piece), each	60
A5053	Ostomy pouch, closed; for use on faceplate, each	60
A5054	Ostomy pouch, closed; for use on barrier with flange (two piece), each	60
A5055	Stoma cap	31
A5056	Ostomy pouch, drainable, with extended wear barrier attached, with filter, (one piece), each	40
A5057	Ostomy pouch, drainable, with extended wear barrier attached, with built in convexity, with filter, (one piece), each	40
A5061	Ostomy pouch, drainable; with barrier attached, (one piece), each	20
A5062	Ostomy pouch, drainable; without barrier attached (one piece), each	20

A5063	Ostomy pouch, drainable; for use on barrier with flange (two-piece system), each	20
A5071	Ostomy pouch, urinary; with barrier attached (one piece), each	20
A5072	Ostomy pouch, urinary; without barrier attached (one piece), each	20
A5073	Ostomy pouch, urinary; for use on barrier with flange (two piece), each	20
A5081	Stoma plug or seal, any type	31
A5082	Continent device; catheter for continent stoma	1
A5083	Continent device, stoma absorptive cover for continent stoma	150
A5093	Ostomy accessory; convex insert	10
A5121	Skin barrier; solid, 6 x 6 or equivalent, each	20
A5122	Skin barrier; solid, 8 x 8 or equivalent, each	20
A5126	Adhesive or nonadhesive; disk or foam pad	20
A6216	Gauze, nonimpregnated, nonsterile, pad size 16 sq in or less, without adhesive border, each dressing	60

Code	Description	Number per 6 months
A4361	Ostomy faceplate, each	3
A4371	Ostomy skin barrier, powder, per oz	10
A4398	Ostomy irrigation supply; bag, each	2
A4399	Ostomy irrigation supply; cone/catheter, with or without brush	2
A4455	Adhesive remover or solvent (for tape, cement or other adhesive), per oz	16
A5102	Bedside drainage bottle with or without tubing, rigid or expandable, each	2
A5120	Skin barrier, wipes or swabs, each	150

When a liquid barrier is **MEDICALLY NECESSARY**, either liquid **OR** spray (A4369) **OR** individual wipes **OR** swabs (A5120) are appropriate. The use of both is **NOT MEDICALLY NECESSARY**.

Members with continent stomas may use the following means to prevent/manage drainage:

- Stoma cap (A5055)
- Stoma plug (A5081)
- Stoma absorptive cover (A5083) **OR**
- Gauze pads (A6216).

**No more than one** of these types of supply would be reasonable and necessary on a given day.

Members with urinary ostomies may use either:

- Bag (A4357) **OR**
- Bottle (A5102) for drainage at night.

It is **not reasonable and necessary to have both**.

## Prior Authorization Information

### Inpatient

- For services described in this policy, precertification/preauthorization **IS REQUIRED** for all products if the procedure is performed **inpatient**.

### Outpatient

- For services described in this policy, see below for products where prior authorization **might be required** if the procedure is performed **outpatient**.

	<b>Outpatient</b>
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<b>Commercial Managed Care (HMO and POS)</b>	Prior authorization is <b>not required</b> .
<b>Commercial PPO and Indemnity</b>	Prior authorization is <b>not required</b> .

## CPT Codes / HCPCS Codes / ICD Codes

*Inclusion or exclusion of a code does not constitute or imply member coverage or provider reimbursement. Please refer to the member's contract benefits in effect at the time of service to determine coverage or non-coverage as it applies to an individual member.*

*Providers should report all services using the most up-to-date industry-standard procedure, revenue, and diagnosis codes, including modifiers where applicable.*

*The following codes are included below for informational purposes only; this is not an all-inclusive list.*

**The above medical necessity criteria MUST be met for the following codes to be covered for Commercial Members: Managed Care (HMO and POS), PPO, and Indemnity:**

### HCPCS Codes

<b>HCPCS codes:</b>	<b>Code Description</b>
A4331	Extension drainage tubing, any type, any length, with connector/adaptor, for use with urinary leg bag or urostomy pouch, each
A4357	Bedside drainage bag, day or night, with or without anti-reflux device, with or without tube, each
A4361	Ostomy faceplate, each
A4362	Skin barrier; solid, 4 x 4 or equivalent; each
A4363	Ostomy clamp, any type, replacement only, each
A4364	Adhesive, liquid or equal, any type, per oz
A4366	Ostomy vent, any type, each
A4367	Ostomy belt, each
A4368	Ostomy filter, any type, each
A4369	Ostomy skin barrier, liquid (spray, brush, etc.), per oz
A4371	Ostomy skin barrier, powder, per oz
A4372	Ostomy skin barrier, solid 4 x 4 or equivalent, standard wear, with built-in convexity, each
A4373	Ostomy skin barrier, with flange (solid, flexible or accordion), with built-in convexity, any size, each
A4375	Ostomy pouch, drainable, with faceplate attached, plastic, each
A4376	Ostomy pouch, drainable, with faceplate attached, rubber, each
A4377	Ostomy pouch, drainable, for use on faceplate, plastic, each
A4378	Ostomy pouch, drainable, for use on faceplate, rubber, each
A4379	Ostomy pouch, urinary, with faceplate attached, plastic, each
A4380	Ostomy pouch, urinary, with faceplate attached, rubber, each
A4381	Ostomy pouch, urinary, for use on faceplate, plastic, each
A4382	Ostomy pouch, urinary, for use on faceplate, heavy plastic, each
A4383	Ostomy pouch, urinary, for use on faceplate, rubber, each
A4384	Ostomy faceplate equivalent, silicone ring, each
A4385	Ostomy skin barrier, solid 4 x 4 or equivalent, extended wear, without built-in convexity, each
A4387	Ostomy pouch, closed, with barrier attached, with built-in convexity (1 piece), each
A4388	Ostomy pouch, drainable, with extended wear barrier attached, (1 piece), each
A4389	Ostomy pouch, drainable, with barrier attached, with built-in convexity (1 piece), each

A4390	Ostomy pouch, drainable, with extended wear barrier attached, with built-in convexity (1 piece), each
A4391	Ostomy pouch, urinary, with extended wear barrier attached (1 piece), each
A4392	Ostomy pouch, urinary, with standard wear barrier attached, with built-in convexity (1 piece), each
A4393	Ostomy pouch, urinary, with extended wear barrier attached, with built-in convexity (1 piece), each
A4394	Ostomy deodorant, with or without lubricant, for use in ostomy pouch, per fluid ounce
A4395	Ostomy deodorant for use in ostomy pouch, solid, per tablet
A4396	Ostomy belt with peristomal hernia support
A4397	irrigation supply; sleeve, each
A4398	Ostomy irrigation supply; bag, each
A4399	Ostomy irrigation supply; cone/catheter, with or without brush
A4402	Lubricant, per ounce
A4404	Ostomy ring, each
A4405	Ostomy skin barrier, non-pectin based, paste, per ounce
A4406	Ostomy skin barrier, pectin-based, paste, per ounce
A4407	Ostomy skin barrier, with flange (solid, flexible, or accordion), extended wear, with built-in convexity, 4 x 4 inches or smaller, each
A4408	Ostomy skin barrier, with flange (solid, flexible or accordion), extended wear, with built-in convexity, larger than 4 x 4 inches, each
A4409	Ostomy skin barrier, with flange (solid, flexible or accordion), extended wear, without built-in convexity, 4 x 4 inches or smaller, each
A4410	Ostomy skin barrier, with flange (solid, flexible or accordion), extended wear, without built-in convexity, larger than 4 x 4 inches, each
A4411	Ostomy skin barrier, solid 4 x 4 or equivalent, extended wear, with built-in convexity, each
A4412	Ostomy pouch, drainable, high output, for use on a barrier with flange (2-piece system), without filter, each
A4413	Ostomy pouch, drainable, high output, for use on a barrier with flange (2-piece system), with filter, each
A4414	Ostomy skin barrier, with flange (solid, flexible or accordion), without built-in convexity, 4 x 4 inches or smaller, each
A4415	Ostomy skin barrier, with flange (solid, flexible or accordion), without built-in convexity, larger than 4 x 4 inches, each
A4416	Ostomy pouch, closed, with barrier attached, with filter (1 piece), each
A4417	Ostomy pouch, closed, with barrier attached, with built-in convexity, with filter (1 piece), each
A4418	Ostomy pouch, closed; without barrier attached, with filter (1 piece), each
A4419	Ostomy pouch, closed; for use on barrier with non-locking flange, with filter (2 piece), each
A4420	Ostomy pouch, closed; for use on barrier with locking flange (2 piece), each
A4421	Ostomy supply; miscellaneous
A4422	Ostomy absorbent material (sheet/pad/crystal packet) for use in ostomy pouch to thicken liquid stomal output, each
A4423	Ostomy pouch, closed; for use on barrier with locking flange, with filter (2 piece), each
A4424	Ostomy pouch, drainable, with barrier attached, with filter (1 piece), each
A4425	Ostomy pouch, drainable; for use on barrier with non-locking flange, with filter (2-piece system), each
A4426	Ostomy pouch, drainable; for use on barrier with locking flange (2-piece system), each
A4427	Ostomy pouch, drainable; for use on barrier with locking flange, with filter (2-piece system), each

A4428	Ostomy pouch, urinary, with extended wear barrier attached, with faucet-type tap with valve (1 piece), each
A4429	Ostomy pouch, urinary, with barrier attached, with built-in convexity, with faucet-type tap with valve (1 piece), each
A4430	Ostomy pouch, urinary, with extended wear barrier attached, with built-in convexity, with faucet-type tap with valve (1 piece), each
A4431	Ostomy pouch, urinary; with barrier attached, with faucet-type tap with valve (1 piece), each
A4432	Ostomy pouch, urinary; for use on barrier with non-locking flange, with faucet-type tap with valve (2 piece), each
A4433	Ostomy pouch, urinary; for use on barrier with locking flange (2 piece), each
A4434	Ostomy pouch, urinary; for use on barrier with locking flange, with faucet-type tap with valve (2 piece), each
A4435	Ostomy pouch, drainable, high output, with extended wear barrier (one-piece system), with or without filter, each
A4450	Tape, non-waterproof, per 18 square inches
A4452	Tape, waterproof, per 18 square inches
A4455	Adhesive remover or solvent (for tape, cement or other adhesive), per ounce
A4456	Adhesive remover, wipes, any type, each
A5051	Ostomy pouch, closed; with barrier attached (1 piece), each
A5052	Ostomy pouch, closed; without barrier attached (1 piece), each
A5053	Ostomy pouch, closed; for use on faceplate, each
A5054	Ostomy pouch, closed; for use on barrier with flange (2 piece), each
A5055	Stoma cap
A5056	Ostomy pouch, drainable, with extended wear barrier attached, with filter, (1 piece), each
A5057	Ostomy pouch, drainable, with extended wear barrier attached, with built in convexity, with filter, (1 piece), each
A5061	Ostomy pouch, drainable; with barrier attached, (1 piece), each
A5062	Ostomy pouch, drainable; without barrier attached (1 piece), each
A5063	Ostomy pouch, drainable; for use on barrier with flange (2-piece system), each
A5071	Ostomy pouch, urinary; with barrier attached (1 piece), each
A5072	Ostomy pouch, urinary; without barrier attached (1 piece), each
A5073	Ostomy pouch, urinary; for use on barrier with flange (2 piece), each
A5081	Stoma plug or seal, any type
A5082	Continent device; catheter for continent stoma
A5083	Continent device, stoma absorptive cover for continent stoma
A5093	Ostomy accessory; convex insert
A5102	Bedside drainage bottle with or without tubing, rigid or expandable, each
A5120	Skin barrier, wipes or swabs, each
A5121	Skin barrier; solid, 6 x 6 or equivalent, each
A5122	Skin barrier; solid, 8 x 8 or equivalent, each
A5126	Adhesive or non-adhesive; disk or foam pad
A5131	Appliance cleaner, incontinence and ostomy appliances, per 16 oz.
A6216	Gauze, non-impregnated, non-sterile, pad size 16 sq. in. or less, without adhesive border, each dressing
A9270	Non-covered item or service

## Policy History

Date	Action
1/2022	Removed code A4397 from Usual Maximum Quantity of Supplies table. Added codes A4436 and A4437 to Usual Maximum Quantity of Supplies table. Effective 1/1/2022.

10/2021	New medical policy describing medically necessary and not medically necessary ostomy supplies. Effective 10/1/2021.
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## Information Pertaining to All Blue Cross Blue Shield Medical Policies

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[Managed Care Guidelines](#)

[Indemnity/PPO Guidelines](#)

[Clinical Exception Process](#)

[Medical Technology Assessment Guidelines](#)

## References

N/A

## Endnotes

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<sup>1</sup> Based on Local Coverage Determination (LCD): Ostomy Supplies [L33828](#)

Local Coverage Article: Ostomy Supplies - Policy Article [A52487](#)