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Medical Policy Ostomy Supplies

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Related Policies

None

Policy¹

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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |
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| 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**.

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| | Outpatient |
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| Commercial Managed Care (HMO and POS) | Prior authorization is not required . |
| Commercial PPO and Indemnity | Prior authorization is not required . |

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

| HCPCS codes: | Code Description |
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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |
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| 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. |

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| 10/2021 | New medical policy describing medically necessary and not medically necessary ostomy supplies. Effective 10/1/2021. |
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References

N/A

Endnotes

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

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