

Breast Pump Benefit Update

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Products: **Group Health Cooperative of Eau Claire Commercial and State of Wisconsin (ETF)**

Dual-electric breast pumps are a covered benefit for certain commercial groups only, subject to these formulary limitations. The Cooperative is allowing members to obtain these pumps from any contracted provider; however, in recognition of the fact that medical equipment providers utilize different vendors and stock different brands, the Cooperative is allowing for providers to dispense any standard, in-stock, dual electric breast pumps (code E0603). Providers may work with the prescribing physician and member to identify which pump(s) best meet the member's needs. Only pumps dispensed and billed under E0603 will be reimbursed by the Cooperative, and the Cooperative will reimburse the provider the lesser of billed usual/customary charges or \$200.00 per pump. There are numerous high-quality dual-electric pumps available in this price range, both at wholesale and at retail/over-the-counter. Please note that payment is payment in full by the Cooperative, and members may not be balance-billed for any amounts exceeding the \$200.00 pump formulary. Non-formulary pumps will not be reimbursed and are considered a non-covered benefit.

If your facility is unable to dispense any E0603 pumps within this formulary limitation, please have the member contact the Cooperative at (715) 552-4300 or (888) 203-7770 to identify another network provider. The member may also choose to purchase a non-formulary pump (any pumps exceeding \$200.00), however the cost will be the member's full responsibility. If there are extenuating medical circumstances involving a member for which a standard pump is insufficient (for example, long-term rental of a hospital grade pump is needed), please contact the Cooperative.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Provider Relations at (715) 552-4300.