A Message to

***Business Office Managers***

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** All AmeriHealth Participating Durable Medical Equipment Providers in New Jersey

**FROM:** Kathleen Mariano
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**RE:** **Non-Covered Items**

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Enclosed is an attachment that lists **non-covered DME items** that are frequently requested.

Personal and convenience items, such as those listed on the attached document are always non-covered. Determination of personal and convenience items are established by Medicare guidelines, and providers should not request precertification for these items.

Please note that while Sphygmomanometers are listed as a non-covered item, coverage may be considered for members who meet the following criteria:

- **Members with end-stage renal disease receiving home dialysis.**
- **Members who have pregnancy-induced hypertension, and hypertension complicated by pregnancy that meet Perinatal Case Management Program criteria.**

Please share this information with your staff. If you have any questions regarding this Bulletin, please contact Kimberly Lees-Pratt, Ancillary Coordinator, 856-778-6652.

## Frequently Requested Non-Covered Items

Air Conditioners, including Central Air Conditioning
Air Purifiers
Aromatherapy Tube
Bath system (Rifton or other brands)
Chair, electric lift
Cushion, heat and massage foam cushion
Diapers
Ergonomic chair
Exercise equipment
Face masks, surgical
Health Club Memberships
Health Cushions
HEPA filters
Hot tubs
Light boxes for home use
Lounge beds, power or manual
Mattresses, standard
Oxygen, spare tanks (precautionary)
Personal and Convenience Items as defined by Medicare (DMERC Region A and the National HCPCS Coding Book) List subject to change.

- American Bidet toilet seat (E1399)
- Bathtub chair/seat (tub stool or bench) (E0245)
- Bathtub lift (patient lift, Kartop, bathroom or toilet) (E0625)
- Carafe (E1399)
- Elevator (E1399)
- Emesis basin (E1399)
- Heat and massage foam cushion pad (American Sonoid heat and massage foam cushion pad) (E1399)
- Incontinence pads (incontinence supply; miscellaneous) (A4335)
- Lounge bed (power or manual) (E1399)
- Massage device (E1399)
- Overbed table (Over-bed table) (E0274)
- Raised toilet seat (Raised toilet seat) (E0244)
- Sauna bath (E1399)
- Standing table (E1399)
- Telephone alert system (E1399)
- Telephone arm (E1399)

Radios
Shower attachments (hand-held, shower massagers, etc)
Sphygmomanometers **(Except for Members with end-stage renal disease receiving home dialysis and Members who have pregnancy-induced hypertension, and hypertension complicated by pregnancy that meet Perinatal Case Management Program criteria.)**
Table, standing
Televisions
Ultraviolet light for home use
Water purifiers
Whirlpool
Wigs (**except for certain, specific groups that have purchased this benefit**)
Vacuum cleaners, any type