

TO BE RESCINDED

5160-3-19 Relationship of other covered medicaid services to nursing facility (NF) services.

This rule identifies covered services generally available to medicaid recipients and describes the relationship of such services to those provided by a NF. Whenever reference is made to reimbursement of services through the "NF per diem," the rules governing such reimbursement are set forth in Chapter 5101:3-3 of the Administrative Code.

(A) Dental services.

All covered dental services provided by licensed dentists are reimbursed directly to the provider of the dental services in accordance with Chapter 5101:3-5 of the Administrative Code. Personal hygiene services provided by facility staff or contracted personnel are reimbursed through the NF per diem.

(B) Laboratory and x-ray services.

Costs incurred for the purchase and administration of tuberculin tests, and for drawing specimens and forwarding specimens to a laboratory, are reimbursable through the facility's cost report. All laboratory and x-ray procedures covered under the medicaid program are reimbursed directly to the laboratory or x-ray provider in accordance with Chapter 5101:3-11 of the Administrative Code.

(C) Medical supplier services.

Certain medical supplier services are reimbursable through the facility's cost report mechanism and others directly to the medical supply provider as follows:

(1) Items that must be reimbursed through the facility's cost report include:

- (a) Costs incurred for "needed medical and program supplies" defined as those items that have a very limited life expectancy, such as atomizers, nebulizers, bed pans, catheters, electric pads, hypodermic needles, syringes, incontinence pads, splints, and disposable ventilator circuits.
- (b) Costs incurred for "needed medical equipment" (and repair of such equipment), defined as items that can stand repeated use, are primarily and customarily used to serve a medical purpose, are not useful to a person in the absence of illness or injury, and are appropriate for the use in the facility. Such medical equipment items include hospital beds, wheelchairs including custom wheelchairs and all wheelchair parts, options and accessories, and intermittent positive-pressure breathing

machines, except as noted in paragraph (C)(2) of this rule.

- (c) Contents of oxygen cylinders or tanks, including liquid oxygen. Oxygen producing machines (concentrators) for specific use by an individual recipient. Costs of equipment associated with oxygen administration, such as, carts, regulators/humidifiers, cannulas, masks, and demurrage.
- (2) Services that are reimbursed directly to the medical supplier provider, in accordance with Chapter 5101:3-10 of the Administrative Code, include:
- (a) Certain durable medical equipment items, specifically, ventilators.
 - (b) "Prostheses," defined as devices that replace all or part of a body organ to prevent or correct physical deformity or malfunction, such as, artificial arms or legs, electro-larynxes, and breast prostheses.
 - (c) "Orthoses," defined as devices that assist in correcting or strengthening a distorted part, such as, arm braces, hearing aids and batteries, abdominal binders, and corsets.

(D) Pharmaceuticals.

- (1) Over-the-counter drugs including selected over-the-counter drugs set forth in paragraph (B) of rule 5101:3-9-03 of the Administrative Code and nutritional supplements are reimbursable through the NF per diem.
- (2) Pharmaceuticals reimbursable directly to the pharmacy provider are subject to the limitations found in Chapter 5101:3-9 of the Administrative Code, the limitations established by the Ohio state board of pharmacy, and the following conditions:
 - (a) When new prescriptions are necessary following expiration of the last refill, the new prescription may be ordered only after the physician examines the patient.
 - (b) A copy of all records regarding prescribed drugs for all patients must be retained by the dispensing pharmacy for at least six years. A receipt for drugs delivered to a NF must be signed by the facility representative at the time of delivery and a copy retained by the pharmacy.

(E) Physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, audiology services,

psychologist services, and respiratory therapy services.

For NFs, the costs incurred for physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy and audiology services provided by licensed therapists or therapy assistants are reimbursed through the NF per diem. Costs incurred for the services of a licensed psychologist are reimbursable through the NF per diem. No reimbursement for psychologist services shall be made to a provider other than the NF, or a community mental health center certified by the Ohio department of mental health. Services provided by an employee of the community mental health center must be billed directly to medicaid by the community mental health center. Costs incurred for physician ordered administration of aerosol therapy that is rendered by a licensed respiratory care professional are reimbursable through the NF per diem. No reimbursement for respiratory therapy services shall be made to a provider other than the NF through the NF per diem.

(F) Physician services.

- (1) A physician may be directly reimbursed for the following services provided to a resident of a NF by a physician:
 - (a) All covered diagnostic and treatment services in accordance with Chapter 5101:3-4 of the Administrative Code.
 - (b) All medically necessary physician visits in accordance with rule 5101:3-4-06 of the Administrative Code.
 - (c) All required physician visits as described in this rule when the services are billed in accordance with rule 5101:3-4-06 of the Administrative Code.
 - (i) Physician visits must be provided to a resident of a NF and must conform to the following schedule:
 - (a) For nursing facilities, the resident must be seen by a physician at least once every thirty days for the first ninety days after admission, and at least once every ninety days, thereafter.
 - (b) A physician visit is considered timely if it occurs not later than ten days after the date the visit was required.
 - (ii) For reimbursement of the required physician visits, the physician must:

- (a) Review the resident's total program of care including medications and treatments, at each visit required by paragraph (F)(1)(c)(i) of this rule;
 - (b) Write, sign, and date progress notes at each visit;
 - (c) Sign all orders; and
 - (d) Personally visit (see) the patient except as provided in paragraph (F)(1)(c)(iii) of this rule.
- (iii) At the option of the physician, required visits after the initial visit may be delegated in accordance with paragraph (F)(1)(c)(iv) of this rule and alternate between physician and visits by physician assistant or certified nurse practitioner.
- (iv) Physician delegation of tasks.
 - (a) A physician may delegate tasks to a physician assistant or certified nurse practitioner as defined by Chapter 4730. of the Revised Code and Chapter 4730-1 of the Administrative Code for physician assistants, and Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code and Chapter 4723-4 of the Administrative Code for certified nurse practitioners who are in compliance with the following criteria:
 - (i) Are acting within the scope of practice as defined by state law; and
 - (ii) Are under supervision and employment of the billing physician.
 - (b) A physician may not delegate a task when regulations specify that the physician must perform it personally, or when delegation is prohibited by state law or the facility's own policies.

(2) Services directly reimbursable to the physician must:

- (a) Be based on medical necessity, as defined in rule 5101:3-1-01 of the

Administrative Code, and requested by the NF resident with the exception of the required visits defined in paragraph (F)(1)(c) of this rule; and

(b) Be documented by entries in the resident's medical records along with any symptoms and findings. Every entry must be signed and dated by the physician.

(3) Services provided in the capacity of overall medical direction are reimbursable only to a NF and may not be directly reimbursed to a physician.

(G) Podiatry services.

Covered services provided by licensed podiatrists are reimbursed directly to the authorized podiatric provider in accordance with Chapter 5101:3-7 of the Administrative Code. Payment by ODJFS is limited to one visit per month for residents in a NF setting.

(H) Transportation services.

Costs incurred by the facility for transporting residents by ambulance, ambulette, or other means of transportation are reimbursable through the NF per diem.

(I) Vision care services.

All covered vision care services, including examinations, dispensing, and the fitting of eyeglasses, are reimbursed directly to authorized vision care providers in accordance with Chapter 5101:3-6 of the Administrative Code.

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