

MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND DRESSINGS (CONSUMABLES)

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I. DESCRIPTION

Medical supplies and dressings (consumables) are those that do not withstand prolonged, repeated use.

II. POLICY

A. Medical supplies and dressings (consumables) are covered when related directly to a covered medical condition and obtained from a medical supply company, a pharmacy, or authorized institutional provider. Examples of covered medical supplies and dressings include disposable syringes for diabetics, colostomy sets, irrigation sets, elastic bandages and external surgical garments designed for use following a mastectomy.

B. **Generally, the allowable charge of a medical supply item will be under \$100. Any item over this amount must be reviewed to determine whether it would not qualify as a DME item. If it is, in fact, a medical supply item and does not represent an excessive charge, it can be considered for benefits under this policy.**

III. EXCLUSION

Diapers.

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