

## Chapter 8

## Section 6.1

# Medical Supplies And Dressings (Consumables)

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### 1.0 DESCRIPTION

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

### 2.0 POLICY

**2.1** 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, TED<sup>®</sup> hose, and external surgical garments designed for use following a mastectomy.

**2.2** 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 Durable Equipment (DE) 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.

### 3.0 EXCLUSION

Diapers.

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