

LDH Breast Pump Coverage Changes Effective March 1, 2024

Effective for dates of service on or after March 1, 2024, Louisiana Medicaid implemented changes to the coverage of breast pumps. These changes include:

- A new Electric Breast Pump Request Form. The form is available at <u>www.lamedicaid.com</u> under "Forms, Files, and User Manuals." Durable Medical Equipment providers should submit the completed form with the claim for medical review.
- Coverage has been extended to allow electric breast pumps to be received by expectant mothers at 32 weeks gestational age, who meet the criteria and intend to breastfeed their infant.

Required documentation changes for electric breast pumps are outlined in bold below:

- A prescription from the prescribing physician for the electric pump;
- Documentation of education/training on breastfeeding by the prescribing physician, licensed breastfeeding practitioner, or healthcare professional;
- Documentation that Louisiana Medicaid has not purchased a breast pump within the past three years for the same delivery; and
- A completed Electric Breast Pump Request Form signed by the prescribing physician and the mother or her authorized representative.

NOTE: Single, manual, and hospital-grade breast pumps are still not covered.

LDH has published Informational Bulletin 24-07 for your reference IB24-07.pdf (la.gov)

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