



RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DMEPOS DISASTER SERVICE AREAS

In CBAS:

Allow any willing supplier to take care of patients. Allow locations of current suppliers an exception to state licensure requirements to be able to service beneficiaries from locations outside of TX and LA.

Allow suppliers that have locations affected by disaster to have a "temporary" location. Setup process to allow flexibility related to NSC requirements.

All areas:

Active rentals (Enteral, Parenteral and Infusion Pumps, Capped Rental, Oxygen and Frequently Serviced):

When a beneficiary needs a replacement of a rental item due to a loss of equipment. A new rental period should be allowed, a CR modifier should be used and any claim with a CR modifier should be exempt from audits and all documentation requirements beyond those in control of supplier. CR modifier is good for duration of medical necessity for all items provided due to disaster.

Beneficiary Owned Equipment:

When a beneficiary needs a replacement of a purchased item due to a loss of equipment, a new sale item can be dispensed with a CR modifier and any claim with a CR modifier should be exempt from audits and documentation requirements beyond those in control of supplier. CR modifier is good for duration of medical necessity for all items provided due to disaster.

All Supplies and Accessories/Infusion/Enteral:

For supplies replaced on a periodic basis, allow for replacement of needed supplies as the beneficiary lost the supplies due to flooding and relocation. This should be for the current 30 or 90 days supplies as well as PAP supplies that would deny as duplicate. CR modifier is good for duration of medical necessity for all items provided due to disaster.

Allow use of site of care (SOC) 49 for covered DME infused drugs. If patients are displaced they may be able to get to an ambulatory infusion suite (AIS) of a DMEPOS supplier. AIS is recognized by most commercial insurance companies, but not Medicare.

Power Mobility Devices (PMD):

For PMDs & complex manual wheelchairs that need to be replaced, current ADMC and PAs should be extended to cover new equipment provided. CR modifier is good for duration of medical necessity for all items provided due to disaster.