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NEW CODES FOR PRESSURE SUPPORT VENTILATORS AND PUBLICATION OF DME CODES FOR CCS CLIENTS ONLY

New Ventilator Code

Effective November 1, 2004, the LTV950 and Newport HT50 models were made Medi-Cal benefits when authorized by CCS. HCPCS code **E0454** was assigned to be used for these models.

Effective November 1, 2005, the Medi-Cal 2005 HCPCS coding update becomes effective and ventilator codes will again change. E0454 will be replaced by **E0463** (pressure support ventilator used with invasive interface) and **E0464** (without invasive interface). Claims for services provided on or after November 1, 2005 must include the new codes or claims will be denied.

The CCS Branch ventilator authorization approval letter now includes this information as part of the instructions the County gives to the DME provider. However, providers must have a new SAR issued that shows the correct code **E0463** for the pressure support ventilator as specified above.

CCS-Only DME

Certain DME items are now Medi-Cal benefits only when authorized by CCS. (See This Computes #104). Although a list of these codes was published in the October Medi-Cal Allied Health Provider Bulletin and a new section was added to the Medi-Cal Allied Provider Manual in October, 2005, CCS still receives many questions when providers have difficulty verifying these as valid codes. The pertinent section of the October Provider Bulletin and the corresponding Provider Manual citation are reprinted here for easy reference by the CCS programs.

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The following Durable Medical Equipment (DME) codes are allowed only for California Children's Services (CCS) clients and require authorization by the CCS program:

HCPCS Code	Description
A4606	Oxygen probe for use with oximeter device, replacement
E0445	Oximeter device for measuring blood oxygen levels non-invasively
E0463 *	Pressure support ventilator with volume control mode, may include pressure control mode, used with invasive interface (e.g. tracheostomy tube)
E0464 *	used with non-invasive interface (e.g. mask)
E0481	Intrapulmonary percussive ventilation system and related accessories
E0482	Cough stimulating device, alternating positive and negative airway pressure
E0635	Patient lift; electric, with seat or sling
E0639 *	Patient lift, movable from room to room with disassembly and reassembly, includes all components/accessories
E0640 *	Patient lift, fixed system, includes all components/accessories

* Effective for dates of service on or after November 1, 2005. Other codes listed are currently effective.

This information is reflected in a new provider manual section, ***Durable Medical Equipment (DME): Billing Codes for California Children's Services (CCS)***.