

# Local Coverage Determination (LCD): Tracheostomy Care Supplies (L33832)

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CGS Administrators, LLC	DME MAC	18003 - DME MAC	J-C	Alabama Arkansas Colorado Florida Georgia Louisiana Mississippi New Mexico North Carolina Oklahoma Puerto Rico South Carolina Tennessee Texas Virgin Islands Virginia West Virginia
Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC	DME MAC	16013 - DME MAC	J-A	Connecticut Delaware District of Columbia Maine Maryland Massachusetts New Hampshire New Jersey New York - Entire State Pennsylvania Rhode Island Vermont

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## LCD Information

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## **CMS National Coverage Policy**

None

### **Coverage Guidance**

#### **Coverage Indications, Limitations, and/or Medical Necessity**

For any item to be covered by Medicare, it must 1) be eligible for a defined Medicare benefit category, 2) be reasonable and necessary for the diagnosis or treatment of illness or injury or to improve the functioning of a malformed body member, and 3) meet all other applicable Medicare statutory and regulatory requirements.

The purpose of a Local Coverage Determination (LCD) is to provide information regarding “reasonable and necessary” criteria based on Social Security Act § 1862(a)(1)(A) provisions.

In addition to the “reasonable and necessary” criteria contained in this LCD there are other payment rules, which are discussed in the following documents, that must also be met prior to Medicare reimbursement:

- The LCD-related Standard Documentation Requirements Article, located at the bottom of this policy under the Related Local Coverage Documents section.
- The LCD-related Policy Article, located at the bottom of this policy under the Related Local Coverage

Documents section.

- Refer to the Supplier Manual for additional information on documentation requirements.
- Refer to the DME MAC web sites for additional bulletin articles and other publications related to this LCD.

For the items addressed in this LCD, the “reasonable and necessary” criteria, based on Social Security Act § 1862(a)(1)(A) provisions, are defined by the following coverage indications, limitations and/or medical necessity.

Refer to the Nonmedical Necessity Coverage and Payment Rules section of the related Policy Article for information about the statutory coverage requirements for tracheostomy supplies.

A tracheostomy care or cleaning starter kit (A4625) is covered following an open surgical tracheostomy. Beginning two weeks post-operatively, code A4625 is no longer medically necessary and, if that code is billed, will be denied as not reasonable and necessary.

The table below lists the maximum number of items/units of service that are usually reasonable and necessary. The actual quantity needed for a particular beneficiary may be more or less than the amount listed depending on clinical factors that affect the frequency of supply changes.

The explanation for use of a greater quantity of supplies than the amounts listed must be clearly documented in the beneficiary’s medical record. If adequate documentation is not provided when requested, the excess quantities will be denied as not reasonable and necessary.

**USUAL MAXIMUM QUANTITY OF SUPPLIES:**

Code	# per Month(unless noted)
A4364	4
A4402	4
A4450	40
A4452	40
A4456	50
A4481	62
A4623	62
A4625	31
A4626	2

A4629	31
A5120	150
A7501	1
A7502	1
A7503	1 per 6 months
A7504	62
A7505	2 per 3 months
A7506	62
A7507	62
A7508	62
A7509	62
A7520	1 per 3 months
A7521	1 per 3 months
A7522	1 per 12 months
A7524	1 per 3 months
A7526	31
A7527	2 per 3 months

A7523 is a convenience item and therefore not covered. Claims for A7523 will be denied as not reasonable and necessary.

A7527 (Tracheostomy/laryngectomy tube plug/stop) is used as an alternative to a tracheostomy/laryngectomy tube and therefore for a beneficiary receiving A7527 claims for A7520, A7521 and A7522 will be denied as not reasonable

or necessary.

## GENERAL

A Standard Written Order (SWO) must be communicated to the supplier before a claim is submitted. If the supplier bills for an item addressed in this policy without first receiving a completed SWO, the claim shall be denied as not reasonable and necessary.

For Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) base items that require a Written Order Prior to Delivery (WOPD), the supplier must have received a signed SWO before the DMEPOS item is delivered to a beneficiary. If a supplier delivers a DMEPOS item without first receiving a WOPD, the claim shall be denied as not reasonable and necessary. Refer to the LCD-related Policy Article, located at the bottom of this policy under the Related Local Coverage Documents section

For DMEPOS base items that require a WOPD, and also require separately billed associated options, accessories, and/or supplies, the supplier must have received a WOPD which lists the base item and which may list all the associated options, accessories, and/or supplies that are separately billed prior to the delivery of the items. In this scenario, if the supplier separately bills for associated options, accessories, and/or supplies without first receiving a completed and signed WOPD of the base item prior to delivery, the claim(s) shall be denied as not reasonable and necessary.

An item/service is correctly coded when it meets all the coding guidelines listed in CMS HCPCS guidelines, LCDs, LCD-related Policy Articles, or DME MAC articles. Claims that do not meet coding guidelines shall be denied as not reasonable and necessary/incorrectly coded.

Proof of delivery (POD) is a Supplier Standard and DMEPOS suppliers are required to maintain POD documentation in their files. Proof of delivery documentation must be made available to the Medicare contractor upon request. All services that do not have appropriate proof of delivery from the supplier shall be denied as not reasonable and necessary.

## REFILL REQUIREMENTS

For DMEPOS items and supplies provided on a recurring basis, billing must be based on prospective, not retrospective use. For DMEPOS products that are supplied as refills to the original order, suppliers must contact the beneficiary prior to dispensing the refill and not automatically ship on a pre-determined basis, even if authorized by the beneficiary. This shall be done to ensure that the refilled item remains reasonable and necessary, existing supplies are approaching exhaustion, and to confirm any changes or modifications to the order. Contact with the beneficiary or designee regarding refills must take place no sooner than 14 calendar days prior to the delivery/shipping date. For delivery of refills, the supplier must deliver the DMEPOS product no sooner than 10 calendar days prior to the end of usage for the current product. This is regardless of which delivery method is utilized.

For all DMEPOS items that are provided on a recurring basis, suppliers are required to have contact with the beneficiary or caregiver/designee prior to dispensing a new supply of items. Suppliers must not deliver refills without a refill request from a beneficiary. Items delivered without a valid, documented refill request will be denied as not reasonable and necessary.

Suppliers must not dispense a quantity of supplies exceeding a beneficiary's expected utilization. Suppliers must stay attuned to changed or atypical utilization patterns on the part of their clients. Suppliers must verify with the treating practitioners that any changed or atypical utilization is warranted.

Regardless of utilization, a supplier must not dispense more than a 1-month supply at a time for a beneficiary in a nursing facility and a 3-month supply for a beneficiary at home.

For information on tracheal suction catheters and related supplies, see the Suction Pump policy.

### Summary of Evidence

NA

### Analysis of Evidence (Rationale for Determination)

NA

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## Coding Information

### CPT/HCPCS Codes

#### Group 1 Paragraph:

The appearance of a code in this section does not necessarily indicate coverage.

#### HCPCS MODIFIERS:

AU - Item furnished in conjunction with a urological, ostomy or tracheostomy supply.

EY - No physician or other licensed health care provider order for this item or service.

#### HCPCS CODES:

#### Group 1 Codes:

CODE	DESCRIPTION
A4364	ADHESIVE, LIQUID OR EQUAL, ANY TYPE, PER OZ
A4402	LUBRICANT, PER OUNCE
A4450	TAPE, NON-WATERPROOF, PER 18 SQUARE INCHES
A4452	TAPE, WATERPROOF, PER 18 SQUARE INCHES

CODE	DESCRIPTION
A4456	ADHESIVE REMOVER, WIPES, ANY TYPE, EACH
A4481	TRACHEOSTOMA FILTER, ANY TYPE, ANY SIZE, EACH
A4623	TRACHEOSTOMY, INNER CANNULA
A4625	TRACHEOSTOMY CARE KIT FOR NEW TRACHEOSTOMY
A4626	TRACHEOSTOMY CLEANING BRUSH, EACH
A4629	TRACHEOSTOMY CARE KIT FOR ESTABLISHED TRACHEOSTOMY
A5120	SKIN BARRIER, WIPES OR SWABS, EACH
A7501	TRACHEOSTOMA VALVE, INCLUDING DIAPHRAGM, EACH
A7502	REPLACEMENT DIAPHRAGM/FACEPLATE FOR TRACHEOSTOMA VALVE, EACH
A7503	FILTER HOLDER OR FILTER CAP, REUSABLE, FOR USE IN A TRACHEOSTOMA HEAT AND MOISTURE EXCHANGE SYSTEM, EACH
A7504	FILTER FOR USE IN A TRACHEOSTOMA HEAT AND MOISTURE EXCHANGE SYSTEM, EACH
A7505	HOUSING, REUSABLE WITHOUT ADHESIVE, FOR USE IN A HEAT AND MOISTURE EXCHANGE SYSTEM AND/OR WITH A TRACHEOSTOMA VALVE, EACH
A7506	ADHESIVE DISC FOR USE IN A HEAT AND MOISTURE EXCHANGE SYSTEM AND/OR WITH TRACHEOSTOMA VALVE, ANY TYPE EACH
A7507	FILTER HOLDER AND INTEGRATED FILTER WITHOUT ADHESIVE, FOR USE IN A TRACHEOSTOMA HEAT AND MOISTURE EXCHANGE SYSTEM, EACH
A7508	HOUSING AND INTEGRATED ADHESIVE, FOR USE IN A TRACHEOSTOMA HEAT AND MOISTURE EXCHANGE SYSTEM AND/OR WITH A TRACHEOSTOMA VALVE, EACH
A7509	FILTER HOLDER AND INTEGRATED FILTER HOUSING, AND ADHESIVE, FOR USE AS A TRACHEOSTOMA HEAT AND MOISTURE EXCHANGE SYSTEM, EACH
A7520	TRACHEOSTOMY/LARYNGECTOMY TUBE, NON-CUFFED, POLYVINYLCHLORIDE (PVC), SILICONE OR EQUAL, EACH
A7521	TRACHEOSTOMY/LARYNGECTOMY TUBE, CUFFED, POLYVINYLCHLORIDE (PVC), SILICONE OR EQUAL, EACH
A7522	TRACHEOSTOMY/LARYNGECTOMY TUBE, STAINLESS STEEL OR EQUAL (STERILIZABLE AND REUSABLE), EACH
A7523	TRACHEOSTOMY SHOWER PROTECTOR, EACH
A7524	TRACHEOSTOMA STENT/STUD/BUTTON, EACH
A7526	TRACHEOSTOMY TUBE COLLAR/HOLDER, EACH
A7527	TRACHEOSTOMY/LARYNGECTOMY TUBE PLUG/STOP, EACH



# General Information

## Associated Information

### DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

Section 1833(e) of the Social Security Act precludes payment to any provider of services unless "there has been furnished such information as may be necessary in order to determine the amounts due such provider." It is expected that the beneficiary's medical records will reflect the need for the care provided. The beneficiary's medical records include the treating practitioner's office records, hospital records, nursing home records, home health agency records, records from other healthcare professionals and test reports. This documentation must be available upon request.

### GENERAL DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to justify payment for DMEPOS items, suppliers must meet the following requirements:

- SWO
- Medical Record Information (including continued need/use if applicable)
- Correct Coding
- Proof of Delivery

Refer to the LCD-related Standard Documentation Requirements article, located at the bottom of this policy under the Related Local Coverage Documents section for additional information regarding these requirements.

Refer to the Supplier Manual for additional information on documentation requirements.

Refer to the DME MAC web sites for additional bulletin articles and other publications related to this LCD.

### POLICY SPECIFIC DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

Items covered in this LCD have additional policy-specific requirements that must be met prior to Medicare reimbursement.

Refer to the LCD-related Policy article, located at the bottom of this policy under the Related Local Coverage Documents section for additional information

## Miscellaneous

## Appendices

### Utilization Guidelines

Refer to Coverage Indications, Limitations and/or Medical Necessity

## Sources of Information

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## Bibliography

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## Associated Documents

### Attachments

N/A

### Related Local Coverage Documents

Article(s)

A55426 - Standard Documentation Requirements for All Claims Submitted to DME MACs

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### **Related National Coverage Documents**

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Per the Code of Federal Regulations, 42 C.F.R § 426. 325, only those portions of the currently effective Local Coverage Determination (LCD) that are based on section 1862(a)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act, may be challenged through an acceptable complaint as described in 42 C.F.R § 426.400. Also, per 42 C.F.R § 426.325 items that are not reviewable, and therefore cannot be challenged, include the Policy Article. Please note the distinction of the documents when reviewing the materials.

# Local Coverage Article: Tracheostomy Care Supplies - Policy Article (A52492)

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## Article Information

### General Information

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## **Article Guidance**

### **Article Text:**

#### **NON-MEDICAL NECESSITY COVERAGE AND PAYMENT RULES**

For any item to be covered by Medicare, it must 1) be eligible for a defined Medicare benefit category, 2) be reasonable and necessary for the diagnosis or treatment of illness or injury or to improve the functioning of a malformed body member, and 3) meet all other applicable Medicare statutory and regulatory requirements. Information provided in this policy article relates to determinations other than those based on Social Security Act §1862(a)(1)(A) provisions (i.e. "reasonable and necessary").

Tracheostomy Supplies are covered under the Prosthetic Benefit (Social Security Act §1861(s)(8)). In order for a beneficiary's supplies to be eligible for reimbursement, the reasonable and necessary (R&N) requirements set out in the related Local Coverage Determination must be met. In addition, there are specific statutory payment policy requirements, discussed below, that also must be met.



Supplies for care of a tracheostomy site are covered for a beneficiary following an open surgical tracheostomy which has been open or is expected to remain open for at least three months. The quantities of supplies included in a tracheostomy care kit are to provide all necessary quantities for the care of the tracheostomy site and there must not be any additional quantity billed of these codes for this purpose. Additional supplies may be billed, as appropriate and necessary, only for care other than for a tracheostomy site, such as for speaking valves.

Claims for tape (A4450 or A4452) or for wipes or swabs (A5120) that are billed without an AU modifier will be rejected as missing information.

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIFIC DMEPOS ITEMS PURSUANT TO Final Rule 1713 (84 Fed. Reg Vol 217)**

Final Rule 1713 (84 Fed. Reg Vol 217) requires a face-to-face encounter and a Written Order Prior to Delivery (WOPD) for specified HCPCS codes. CMS and the DME MACs provide a list of the specified codes, which is periodically updated. The link will be located here once it is available.

Claims for the specified items subject to Final Rule 1713 (84 Fed. Reg Vol 217) that do not meet the face-to-face encounter and WOPD requirements specified in the LCD-related Standard Documentation Requirements Article (A55426) will be denied as not reasonable and necessary.

If a supplier delivers an item prior to receipt of a WOPD, it will be denied as not reasonable and necessary. If the WOPD is not obtained prior to delivery, payment will not be made for that item even if a WOPD is subsequently obtained by the supplier. If a similar item is subsequently provided by an unrelated supplier who has obtained a WOPD, it will be eligible for coverage.

## **POLICY SPECIFIC DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS**

In addition to policy specific documentation requirements, there are general documentation requirements that are applicable to all DMEPOS policies. These general requirements are located in the DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS section of the LCD.

Refer to the LCD-related Standard Documentation Requirements article, located at the bottom of this Policy Article under the Related Local Coverage Documents section for additional information regarding GENERAL DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS and the POLICY SPECIFIC DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS discussed below.

The diagnosis code that justifies the need for these items must be included on each claim.

## **CODING GUIDELINES**

A tracheostomy care or cleaning starter kit (A4625) contains the following:

Item	Number included
plastic tray	1

basin	1
sterile gloves	1 pair
tube brush	1
pipe cleaners	3
pre-cut tracheostomy dressing	1
gauze	1 roll
4x4 sponges	4
cotton tip applicators	2
twill tape	30 inches

A tracheostomy care kit for an established tracheostomy (A4629) contains the following:

Item	Number included
tube brush	1
pipe cleaners	2
cotton tip applicators	2
twill tape	30 inches
4x4 sponges	2

A Column II code is included in the allowance for the corresponding Column I code when provided at the same time.

Column I	Column II
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A4625	A4626
A4629	A4626

Tracheostomy care kits provided in the first two postoperative weeks should be coded as A4625.

Tracheostomy care kits provided after the first two postoperative weeks should be coded as A4629.

When codes A4450, A4452 and A5120 are used with Tracheostomy Care Supplies, they must be billed with the AU modifier. For this policy, codes A4450, A4452 and A5120 are the only codes for which the AU modifier may be used.

A7526 is a tracheostomy collar/holder that is used to secure the tracheostomy tube's positioning, minimize movement of the tracheostomy tube and reduce the risk of cannula disruption or decannulation. Fastener tabs attach to the tracheostomy tube to hold the collar in place. A7526 should not be used for billing twill ties, or twill tape or equivalent fabric or plastic supplies.

#### Heat/Moisture Exchangers

Heat/Moisture Exchangers (HME; see below for specific component codes) are a type of stoma cover which help laryngectomees partially restore functions previously performed by the nose and upper airway. During exhalation, warmth and humidity are conveyed from the lungs and deposited into the filter. During inhalation, the warmth and moisture are picked back up by incoming air and returned to the lungs.

HME consist of a plastic cassette/holder that contains a filter. The holder fits into a plastic housing which is held in place over the tracheostoma by adhesive. An HME may be used by itself or in addition to a tracheostoma valve (A7501).

A4481 is a small filter usually having adhesive along one edge which is attached to the skin and simply covers the tracheostoma to keep large piece of debris out. It is not an HME.

A4483 is a moisture exchanger that is used only with an invasive mechanical ventilator and should not be billed as an HME over a tracheostoma.

A7503 is a device that connects to the tracheostoma cassette and holds an HME filter. The holder/cap can open and close to replace the HME filter.

A7504 is a filter that fits into A7503.

A7506 is a double sided adhesive disc that attaches the HME cassette to the beneficiary's skin.

A7507 is an integrated filter and holder that utilizes A7506 to fit over the tracheostomy or may utilize liquid adhesive on both sides of the cassette to attach the HME to the beneficiary.

A7508 is integrated housing and adhesive used with either an HME or tracheostoma valve.

A7509 is the integrated filter holder and housing used with the HME system.

A tracheostomy valve with diaphragm (A7501) is a device used over the tracheostomy stoma by a beneficiary who has had the larynx removed and has a tracheo-esophageal voice prosthesis, but does not have a tracheostomy tube.

Tracheostomy tubes (A7520, A7521, A7522) are all-inclusive. All variations in tracheostomy tube construction such as dimensions, materials, cuffs, connectors etc., including all variations often classified by manufacturers as “customized” are included in HCPCS codes A7520, A7521, and A7522.

Miscellaneous or NOC (not otherwise classified) codes such as E1399 (DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, MISCELLANEOUS) or A9999 (MISCELLANEOUS DME SUPPLY OR ACCESSORY, NOT OTHERWISE SPECIFIED) must not be used to bill Medicare for any tracheostomy tube. Use of a miscellaneous code to bill Medicare for any tracheostomy tubes is incorrect coding.

Suppliers should contact the Pricing, Data Analysis and Coding (PDAC) Contractor for guidance on the correct coding of these items.

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## Coding Information

### CPT/HCPCS Codes

N/A

### ICD-10 Codes that Support Medical Necessity

#### Group 1 Paragraph:

The presence of an ICD-10 code listed in this section is not sufficient by itself to assure coverage. Refer to the Article Text field, Non-Medical Necessity Coverage and Payment Rules section for other coverage criteria and payment information.

#### Group 1 Codes:

ICD-10 CODE	DESCRIPTION
J95.00	Unspecified tracheostomy complication
J95.01	Hemorrhage from tracheostomy stoma
J95.02	Infection of tracheostomy stoma
J95.03	Malfunction of tracheostomy stoma
J95.04	Tracheo-esophageal fistula following tracheostomy
J95.09	Other tracheostomy complication
Z43.0	Encounter for attention to tracheostomy
Z93.0	Tracheostomy status

### ICD-10 Codes that DO NOT Support Medical Necessity

#### Group 1 Paragraph:

All codes that are not specified in the previous section.

**Group 1 Codes:**

N/A

**Additional ICD-10 Information**

N/A

**Bill Type Codes:**

Contractors may specify Bill Types to help providers identify those Bill Types typically used to report this service. Absence of a Bill Type does not guarantee that the policy does not apply to that Bill Type. Complete absence of all Bill Types indicates that coverage is not influenced by Bill Type and the policy should be assumed to apply equally to all claims.

N/A

**Revenue Codes:**

Contractors may specify Revenue Codes to help providers identify those Revenue Codes typically used to report this service. In most instances Revenue Codes are purely advisory. Unless specified in the policy, services reported under other Revenue Codes are equally subject to this coverage determination. Complete absence of all Revenue Codes indicates that coverage is not influenced by Revenue Code and the policy should be assumed to apply equally to all Revenue Codes.

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## Associated Documents

### Related Local Coverage Document(s)

Article(s)

A55426 - Standard Documentation Requirements for All Claims Submitted to DME MACs

LCD(s)

L33832 - Tracheostomy Care Supplies

### Related National Coverage Document(s)

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