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## Provider News

### **Replacement Breast Pump Supplies for DME Effective Nov. 1, 2018**

Effective November 1, 2018, in accordance with the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), a Treatment Authorization Request (TAR) must be submitted justifying the need for any breast pump supplies for Durable Medical Equipment (DME) to be replaced.

The following HCPCS for breast pump supplies codes require a TAR: A4281, A4282, A4283, A4284, A4285 and A4286. These codes may not be reimbursed when provided within the same month of service as breast pump codes E0602 and E0603.

Breast pump supplies can be ordered only as replacement parts. This would not have any impact on the breast pump with original supplies—those would continue to be available without prior authorization if member meets breast pump eligibility criteria. This information is reflected in Medi-Cal Bulletin #514 from July 2018, at <http://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/bulletins/artfull/dme201807.asp#a2>.

For more information, and for billing and reimbursement guidelines, please reference Alliance Breastfeeding Support & Breast Pump Benefit Description, available on the Health Education and Disease Management Programs page of the Alliance provider website.