Medicare Coverage for Durable Medical Equipment (DME)

WHAT IS DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT (DME)?

DME includes medical equipment and supplies that are medically necessary for your health and are designed for repeated use. Examples include wheelchairs, walkers, hospital beds, oxygen equipment, and diabetic supplies.

MEDICARE-COVERED EQUIPMENT & DME PRESCRIPTION GUIDE

What Equipment is Covered by Medicare?

Medicare **Part B & D** covers DME if your doctor prescribes it for use in your home and it meets certain criteria. Covered items typically include:

- Wheelchairs and scooters
- Walkers and canes
- Hospital beds
- Oxygen equipment and accessories
- Nebulizers and related medications
- CPAP devices and supplies
- Blood sugar monitors and test strips

How to get a Prescription for DME:

1. Visit your doctor to discuss your medical needs.
2. Obtain a written order if DME is deemed necessary.
3. Share your Medicare number and relevant health information with your healthcare provider and DME supplier.

WHERE TO GET DME IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS?

- **Use a Medicare-approved supplier. Visit www.medicare.gov/supplierdirectory to search for local, participating DME suppliers in the Virgin Islands.**
- **Ask your doctor or local clinic for recommendations on trusted suppliers in your area.**
- **Ensure the supplier accepts Medicare assignment to limit your out-of-pocket costs.**

FREE HELP IS AVAILABLE!

Virgin Islands State Health Insurance Assistance Program (VI SHIP) Counselors

- St. Thomas/St. John: 340-774-2991 **Ext. 4507 or 4508**
- St. Croix: 340-773-6449 **Ext. 3151 or 3152**

Medicare Hotline

- 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227)
- TTY 1-877-486-2048 (24/7)

IMPORTANT

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