

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE EXCEPTIONAL DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT GRANT (LONG-TERM & SKILLED FACILITIES)

The Pennsylvania Office of Medical Assistance Programs (Department) has established a special grant that applies to all county, general, hospital-based, and special rehabilitation skilled nursing facilities enrolled in the Medical Assistance (MA) Program. The Department recognizes, in some situations, a nursing facility's obligation to provide appropriate and necessary services to an MA resident. This may require the facility to obtain certain durable medical equipment (DME) that is unusual, expensive and extraordinary. Examples are complex manual or power wheelchairs, seating and positioning devices, bariatric specialty beds, etc.

An Exceptional DME Grant authorizes additional payments to the enrolled MA nursing facilities to ensure that the MA resident receives the extraordinary equipment they need.

ELIGIBILITY AND SERVICES

The MA Program accepts requests for Exceptional DME from enrolled facilities for MA eligible residents. In order for a DME item to qualify as "Exceptional DME" it must satisfy two conditions:

- 1) The acquisition cost must equal or exceed the minimum acquisition cost threshold set by the Department which is \$5,000⁰⁰ and
- 2) The DME item must be "Specially Adapted DME" or specifically customized for use by the MA eligible resident only.



HOW TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT A REQUEST

To receive an Exceptional DME Grant, the nursing facility must prepare and submit a written request on forms MA 97 and MA 97LTC. The forms must be completed and submitted in accordance with all applicable instructions designated by the Department. The prescribing physician and nursing facility are responsible to complete and sign sections of the appropriate forms before submitting the completed package to PA/1150 Waiver Services in Harrisburg for review and approval of request.

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The Office of Medical Assistance Programs are under agreement with qualified providers like BLACKBURN'S to provide the specific services covered under the MA 97 waiver.

If you have an eligible MA patient, contact BLACKBURN'S Rehab Department at a location near you. Our professional customer service representatives will assist in completing the forms, obtaining the correct paperwork, signatures, etc. BLACKBURN'S is available every step of the way.

In the event your facility has questions on eligibility and submission of MA 97 requests, BLACKBURN'S is available to conduct in-services with facility staff. To schedule an in-service ask our customer service representative.

For help with your MA Exceptional DME Grants,
contact BLACKBURN'S Rehab Departments

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