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LDH Breast Pump Coverage Changes Effective March 1, 2024

Effective for dates of service on or after March 1, 2024, Medicaid will implement several changes to the coverage of breast pumps, including the addition of a **new** Electric Breast Pump Request Form. In addition, coverage will be extended to allow electric breast pumps to be received by expectant mothers at 32 weeks gestational age, who meet the criteria and intend to breastfeed their infant.

Required documentation changes for electric breast pumps are outlined in **bold** below:

- A prescription from the prescribing physician for the electric pump;
- Documentation of education/training on breastfeeding by the prescribing physician, licensed breastfeeding practitioner, or healthcare professional;
- Documentation that Louisiana Medicaid has not purchased a breast pump within the past three years for the same delivery; and
- A completed Electric Breast Pump Request Form **signed by the prescribing physician** and the mother or her authorized representative.

NOTE: Single, manual and hospital-grade breast pumps are still not covered.

The new Electric Breast Pump Request Form is fillable via PDF download and is located on <u>www.lamedicaid.com</u> in the Resources section under "Forms, Files, Surveys and User Manuals." Durable Medical Equipment (DME) providers should submit the completed form with the claim for medical review.

DME providers requested that mother's date of birth be added to the form. A new Electric Breast Pump Request Form was posted on October 16, 2024. Managed care organizations and Gainwell Technologies must accept both versions. Questions regarding Medicaid Fee-for-Service claims should be directed to Gainwell Technologies Provider Relations at (800) 473-2783 or (225) 924-5040.

Questions regarding managed care claims should be directed to the appropriate managed care organization.