Medical Supplies: Billing Examples

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The examples in this section are to assist providers in billing for medical supplies on the *CMS-1500* claim form. Refer to the *Medical Supplies* section of this manual for detailed policy information. For incontinence supplies, refer to the *Incontinence Medical Supplies* sections of this manual for more information. Refer to the *CMS-1500 Completion* section of this manual for instructions to complete claim fields not explained in the following examples. For additional claim preparation information, refer to the *Forms: Legibility and Completion Standards* section of this manual.

Billing Tips

When completing claims, do not enter the decimal points in dollar amounts. If requested information does not fit neatly in the *Additional Claim Information* field (Box 19) of the claim, type it on an $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ -inch sheet of paper and attach it to the claim.

Note: Only incontinence medical supplies require ICD-10-CM diagnosis code(s) on the claim.

Tracheostomy Supplies: Contracted

Figure 1. Tracheostomy supplies, contracted.

This is a sample only. Please adapt to your billing situation.

In this example, a Durable Medical Equipment (DME) company is billing for contracted tracheostomy supplies. Medical supply codes A4605 (tracheal suction catheter, closed system, each), A4623 (tracheostomy, inner cannula), A4624 (tracheal suction catheter, any type other than closed system, each) and A7520 (tracheostomy/laryngectomy tube, noncuffed, polyvinylchloride [PVC], silicone or equal, each) are entered in the *Procedures, Services or Supplies* field (Box 24D).

Because the supplies are being delivered to the patient's home, "12" is entered in the *Place of Service* field (Box 24B).

Claims for contracted medical supplies require a product qualifier/UPN in the shaded area of Box 24A. The unit of measure and numeric quantity in the shaded area of Box 24D are optional. Absence of these two elements will not result in claim denial. These numbers are based on the product dispensed to the recipient. See the *List of Contracted Tracheostomy Supplies* spreadsheet for a listing of UPNs and UPN qualifiers. Also see the *CMS-1500 Completion* section for more details about both the qualifier/UPN and the unit of measure/quantity.

Note: This example illustrates billing for contracted medical supplies. An attachment (invoice, manufacturer's catalog page or price list) is not required when billing for contracted medical supplies.

Claims for <u>non-contracted</u> medical supplies <u>with a listed price</u> do not require a qualifier/UPN or an attachment (invoice, manufacturer's catalog page or price list). However, non-contracted supplies <u>without a listed price</u> do require documentation of product cost as an attachment (invoice, manufacturer's catalog page or price list) to the claim.

Enter the usual and customary charges in the *Charges* field (Box 24F). For additional help in calculating charges, providers may refer to upper billing limit information in the *Medical Supplies* section.

Enter the number of units for each medical supply item being billed in the *Days or Units* field (Box 24G).

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Figure 1: Tracheostomy Supplies: Contracted.

Attachment Invoice Requirements

Figure 2. Attachment Invoice Requirements.

This is a sample only. Please adapt to your billing situation.

In this example, the provider is using an invoice as the attachment for reimbursement of medical supplies. For the claim to be processed, the invoice attachment must contain all of the required elements listed below. The information does not need to be in this order.

<u>Manufacturer/Distributor</u> – The name and address of the manufacturer or distributor from whom the medical supplies were purchased (in this case Fix It Medical at 1569 Main Street).

Bill to – The name and address of the company being billed for the medical supplies.

<u>Ship to</u> – The ship-to address or business Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) number is not required on medical supply invoices.

Invoice number – The number assigned to the purchase of the supplies from the supplier.

<u>Invoice date</u> – The date of the invoice. This date must be prior to the date of service. The date of the invoice cannot be more than one year prior to the date of service.

Quantity – The total quantity received by the provider.

<u>Item/UPN Number</u> – Manufacturer's or distributor's product number or UPN number of the item purchased.

<u>Shipping Units</u> – The unit of measurement that the product is packaged in when received by the provider, such as box, case or each. For the reimbursement process, the shipping unit information will be broken down for each. Providers may hand write the units breakdown on the invoice for clarification purposes. (Example: Case = 1 box of 30 each).

<u>Description</u> – The description of the product purchased by the provider.

<u>Unit Price</u> – The price of the unit size purchased by the provider. This price will be broken down to the each price for reimbursement. (Example: 1 case = 4.68 (after discount) divided by 30 in each box = 0.1560 each).

Discounts – Amount of discount, if any, must be reported and applied to the purchase price.

<u>Total amount</u> – The total amount for the number of shipped units purchased by the provider including any discounts given to the provider.

<u>Certification Statement</u> – Providers must self-certify that the cost of items on invoices claimed do not contain any hidden or added charges, fees or cost to invoices, discounts or other price reductions not billable to Medi-Cal.

Additional Invoice Requirements

Invoices must not be altered.

Any explanatory information added to the invoice by the provider to assist in the reimbursement process may only be handwritten. Typewritten information (other than a certification statement), attached labels or covered information will result in the claim being denied.

Providers are required to include the certification statement below exactly as written on <u>all invoices and on each invoice page</u>. The item claimed must be clearly identified on the invoice if the item number is not identified on the statement.

"I certify that I have properly disclosed and appropriately reflected a discount or other reduction in price obtained from a manufacturer or wholesaler in the costs claimed or charges on this invoice identified by item number ______ as stated in 42 U.S.C. 1320a-7b (b) (3) (A) of the Social Security Act and this charge does not exceed the upper billing limit as established in California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 22, Section 51008.1 (a) (2) (D)."

Note: The certification statement may be typed, printed, or stamped onto the invoice, or otherwise attached to the claim.

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Figure 2: Attachment Invoice Requirements

Catalog or Price List Requirements

The following are requirements that a catalog or price list must meet to be an acceptable attachment for reimbursement of medical supply claims. Invoice requirements are listed on a previous page in this section.

Medical supply claims requiring a manufacturer catalog or price list attachment for reimbursement must meet the following requirements:

- Catalog or price lists must not be dated more than five years, prior to the date of service.
- The type of catalog or price list must be included in the title of the document. Acceptable types of catalogs or price lists include Manufacturer's Wholesale, Dealer and Distributor.
- Pricing columns found on the catalog or price list page must include one or more of the following types of pricing:
 - Average Wholesale Price (AWP) *
 - Suggested Wholesale Price (SWP)
 - Suggested Wholesale Resale (SWR)
 - Unit Price
 - Net Price
 - Quantity Discount
 - Contracted Price
 - Case Price
- Catalog and price lists must include the package quantities.
- A copy of the front cover of the catalog or price list must accompany the page(s) submitted with a claim from each source catalog or price list when the individual page(s) does not contain an identification of the type of catalog and a date.

<u>«Legend»</u>

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Symbol	Description
<<	This is a change mark symbol. It is used to indicate where on the page the most recent change begins.
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*	Catalogs or price lists that contain <u>only</u> an AWP pricing column will not be accepted.