

INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 2330-MC-FFS

DATE: March 28, 2022

TO: Iowa Medicaid Durable Medical Equipment Suppliers and Pharmacies

APPLIES TO: Managed Care (MC), Fee-for-Service (FFS)

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid

RE: Tracheal Suction Catheters

EFFECTIVE: May 1, 2022

The purpose of this informational letter is to provide guidance on billing for Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code A4624 (tracheal suction catheter, any type other than closed system, each).

To better align with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Iowa Medicaid will implement the local coverage determination (LCD) associated with suction pumps, effective for dates of service on or after May 1, 2022, defining that no more than three tracheal suction catheters per day are reasonable and necessary, and only covered for members with a tracheostomy and an applicable ICD-10 diagnosis code listed in the LCD. In addition, the maximum allowable units for A4624 will change from 720 per month to 100 per month.

The LCD's complete billing and coding guidelines can be found [here](#)¹.

If you have questions, please contact the Iowa Medicaid Provider Services Unit or the appropriate Managed Care Organization (MCO):

IME Provider Services for FFS members:

- Provider Services: 1-800-338-7909
- Provider email: imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us

Amerigroup Iowa, Inc.:

- Provider Services: 1-800-454-3730
- Provider email: iowamedicaid@amerigroup.com
- Website: <https://providers.amerigroup.com/ia>

¹ [LCD - Suction Pumps \(L33612\) \(cms.gov\)](#)

Iowa Total Care:

- Provider Services: 1-833-404-1061
- Provider email: care_management@iowatotalcare.com
- Website: <https://www.iowatotalcare.com>