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**18.2.28 Disposable (Elastomeric) Infusion Pumps**

Disposable (Elastomeric) infusion pumps are specialized infusion devices that may be covered when one of more of the following criteria are met:

1. Device will be used for short-term antibiotic infusion therapy (less than 30-day duration);
2. Device is expected to increase beneficiary compliance with antibiotic therapy;
3. Caregiver cannot administer the antibiotic by pump;
4. To avoid hospitalization of an immuno-compromised beneficiary, which may increase the risk of further infection; or
5. Outside of antibiotic therapy, the beneficiary has no need for hospitalization.

Disposable (Elastomeric) Infusion Pumps are **not covered** when the antibiotic being administered:

1. Is not considered medically necessary to the treatment of the beneficiary's illness;
2. Is used for pain management;
3. Exceeds the frequency or duration ordered by the physician;
4. Is a chemotherapeutic agent; or
5. Is not FDA-approved.

**Prior authorization**

Prior authorization (PA) is required for disposable infusion pumps and intravenous supplies (IV) supplies.

**Intravenous Supplies**

The following standards will be considered when determining medical necessity of IV supplies for use with disposable (Elastomeric) infusion pumps:

1. The aseptic technique is acceptable for IV catheter insertion and site care;

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2. Nonsterile gloves are acceptable for the insertion of a peripheral IV catheter and for changing any IV site dressing;
3. Sterile technique may be medically necessary. Examples of medical necessity include, but are not limited to, a beneficiary who is immuno-compromised;
4. Peripheral IV site is rotated at least weekly, but no more frequently than every 72 hours;
5. IV administration set (with or without dial flow regulator), extension set (with or without dial flow regulator), and any add-on devices are changed every 72 hours; or
6. One IV access catheter is used per insertion.

**Documentation Requirements**

Requests for disposable (Elastomeric) infusion pumps must include the following:

1. Information on the underlying diagnosis or condition;
2. Physician's order and documentation supporting medical necessity; and
3. Name of the antibiotic, dosage, the duration of therapy, and the frequency of administration.