

**HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT[441]**

**Adopted and Filed**

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 249A.4, the Department of Human Services amends Chapter 78, “Amount, Duration and Scope of Medical and Remedial Services,” and Chapter 79, “Other Policies Relating to Providers of Medical and Remedial Care,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The purposes of these amendments are to:

- Provide clarifying language.
- Rename “augmentative communication device” as “speech generating device” and reclassify the device from the prosthetics category to the medical equipment category consistent with Medicare classification.
- Reclassify oral nutrition from the prosthetics category to the medical supply category consistent with the classification in the healthcare common procedure coding system (HCPCS).
- Add coverage for bath chairs, nonstandard patient lifters, power wheelchair attendant control, a secondary ventilator, and wheelchairs for members in an intermediate care facility for persons with an intellectual disability.
- Lower the age limit for incontinence products from four years of age to three years of age.
- Allow for reimbursement over the established Medicaid fee schedule amounts for some items.
- Add a prior authorization requirement for shower commode chairs.

Exceptions to policy have routinely been granted according to established criteria for bath chairs, nonstandard patient lifters, power wheelchair attendant control, a secondary ventilator, wheelchairs for members in an intermediate care facility for persons with an intellectual disability, incontinence products for children between three and four years of age, and reimbursement over established Medicaid fee schedule amounts.

Given the complex coverage criteria and the cost for a shower commode chair, authorization prior to the delivery of this item is more efficient than review of a submitted claim.

Notice of Intended Action on these amendments was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin as **ARC 0649C** on March 20, 2013. The Department received no comments from the public concerning the Notice. These amendments are identical to those published under Notice of Intended Action.

The Council on Human Services adopted these amendments on June 12, 2013.

These amendments do not provide for waivers in specified situations because requests for the waiver of any rule may be submitted under the Department’s general rule on exceptions at 441—1.8(17A,217).

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code section 249A.4.

These amendments will become effective on September 1, 2013.

EDITOR’S NOTE: Pursuant to recommendation of the Administrative Rules Review Committee published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin, September 10, 1986, the text of these amendments [78.10, 78.28, 79.1(4)] is being omitted. These amendments are identical to those published under Notice as **ARC 0649C**, IAB 3/20/13.

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