

North Dakota Medicaid Policy and Procedures for Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Reuse

PURPOSE

To provide guidance to North Dakota (ND) Medicaid staff, durable medical equipment (DME) providers, medical facilities and individuals/families in assuring compliance with the provisions of 2009 Senate Bill 2167.

CITATIONS

2009 Senate Bill 2167 reads as follows:

“SECTION 1. State agency provision of medical equipment - Policy for reuse, recycling, or resale. If a state agency uses state funds to provide free medical equipment to an individual, that state agency shall establish a policy addressing the possible reuse, recycling, or resale value of the medical equipment upon replacement of the medical equipment by that state agency or upon disuse of the medical equipment by the individual.”

POLICY DURATION

This policy will be in effect until it is rescinded or superseded by actions of the ND Legislative Assembly.

POLICY and PROCEDURES

- 1) ND Medicaid is not responsible for acquiring, storing, maintaining or distributing DME.
- 2) ND Medicaid encourages individuals and families to donate DME when and if that equipment is no longer in use or medically necessary. This includes individuals and families who access Medicaid waived services.
- 3) ND Medicaid communicates the DME reuse policy at least annually through the provider bulletin and recipient newsletter.
- 4) Individuals should not donate items that they need, nor should they donate items with the intent of being provided new or updated equipment in return. ND Medicaid cautions individuals and families to scrutinize the potential for future use of any item being considered for donation. The ND Medicaid DME Manual includes information on the minimum duration of time that must pass before authorizing new equipment as well as required prior authorizations. The ND Medicaid DME manual can be referenced at: <http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/docs/dme/dme->

[manual.pdf](#). Any provider memorandums or notices specific to DME are posted on the DHS website at:

<https://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/provider-updates.html>.

- 5) The following organizations may be contacted if you need information about equipment donation. This list is not all-inclusive.

North Dakota Association for the Disabled, Inc. (NDAD)

1-800-532-6323; www.ndad.org

Healthcare Equipment Recycling Organization (HERO)

1-701-212-1921; www.herofargo.com

Life Skills and Transition Center

1-800-252-4911; <https://www.nd.gov/dhs/locations/developmental/>

Easter Seals Goodwill ND

1-701-663-6828; <https://www.esqwnd.org/>

This policy and procedure for Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Reuse is hereby approved:



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