

Medicare Capped Rental and Inexpensive or Routinely Purchased Items Notification

FOR SERVICES ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2006

For Capped Rental Items:

EQUIPMENT IN THIS CATEGORY MUST BE RENTED.

- Medicare will pay a monthly rental fee for a period not to exceed 13 months, after which ownership of the equipment is transferred to the Medicare beneficiary.
- After ownership of the equipment is transferred to the Medicare beneficiary, it is the beneficiary's responsibility to arrange for any required equipment service or repair.
- Examples of this type of equipment include hospital beds, wheelchairs, alternating pressure pads, air-fluidized beds, nebulizers, suction pumps, continuous airway pressure (CPAP) devices, patient lifts, and trapeze bars.

For Inexpensive or Routinely Purchased Items:

- Equipment in this category can be purchased or rented; however, the total amount paid for monthly rentals cannot exceed the fee schedule purchase amount.
- Examples of this type of equipment include: Canes, walkers, crutches, commode chairs, low pressure and positioning equalization pads, home blood glucose monitors, seat lift mechanisms, pneumatic compressors (lymphedema pumps), bed side rails, and traction equipment.

