

Breast Pumps and Insurance Coverage –

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) is a new law which requires private health insurance plans & HMO Option plans to cover breastfeeding support and supplies. Many health plans began implementing this coverage on or after August 1, 2012. While the ACA is expanding benefits for breastfeeding, changes to coverage will vary among insurance plans. We recommend you contact your carrier to determine your coverage & benefits.

Personal Use Breast Pumps

Local DME (Durable Medical) suppliers are working with area insurances in the provision of personal use pumps to mothers after delivery. The brand and style of pumps may vary, to include Ameda and Medela products, as well as the dollar amount covered. Once the DME has the necessary information (including a prescription verifying the birth), they will confirm your insurance, discuss billing options and help you place the order. In general, pumps can be pre-ordered, and are available for pickup after delivery.

If you are interested in a personal use pump, you may contact a DME or contact your insurance company for more information. Local suppliers we are aware of at this time are:

- Southside Medical Supply 585-271-7141 585-419-6163 (fax)
1815 South Clinton Ave. Rochester, NY 14618
- Your Care Medical Supply 585-377-5350 585-377-3471 (fax)
2160 Penfield Rd. Penfield, NY 14526
- Westside Medical Supply 585-227-8750
754 Elmgrove Rd. Rochester, NY 14624

Hospital Grade Rental Pumps

Hospital grade rental pumps, such as the Medela Symphony, are generally not covered by insurance without a documented medical necessity and prescription. Please contact your insurance carrier regarding coverage for the hospital grade pump (code E0604) and specific coverage details, such as diagnosis required, length of coverage, etc. Highland Hospital will submit to your insurance for a hospital grade rental pump with a prescription documenting medical necessity, or will provide you with a receipt for insurance or flexible spending account.

Manual Breast Pumps

Most Medicaid plans (including Medicaid, Fidelis Care, & local HMO Option plans – BC Option, MVP Option) will cover a hand pump. This will be provided to you during your hospital stay with a prescription, unless you decide to seek coverage for an electric pump at one of the above suppliers.