

Replacement and Continued use of DME

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- Continued durable medical equipment (DME) rental after initial rental period can be approved when **ALL** of the following apply:
 - Individual has been re-evaluated by treating practitioner
 - Documentation of continued use and medical need
- Replacement of DME can be approved when **all** of the following apply:
 - Individual has been evaluated by treating practitioner
 - There is documentation of continued medical need
 - There is documentation of **one** of the following:
 - Device has been lost or stolen
 - Device is no longer effective due to significant change in patient condition
 - Device is not operating **both**:
 - DME supplier has physically evaluated the device and determined that it is unable to be repaired
 - Device to be replaced is no longer covered under a warranty

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