

Ostomy Supplies

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Introduction/general information

Ostomy supplies are addressed by the guideline.

Criteria

Ostomy supplies are considered medically necessary for an individual with an ostomy (e.g., colostomy, ileostomy, urostomy).

The following ostomy supplies are considered medically necessary to prevent/manage drainage for individuals with continent stomas:

- stoma caps (HCPCS A5055)
- stoma plugs (HCPCS A5081)
- stoma absorptive covers (HCPCS A5083) or gauze pads (HCPCS A6216)

Either a liquid ostomy skin barrier (HCPCS A4369) or individual wipes/swabs (HCPCS A5120) may be considered medically necessary; however, the use of both concurrently is not considered medically necessary.

Either a bag (HCPCS A4357) or bottle (HCPCS A5102) is considered medically necessary for drainage at night for individuals with urinary ostomies.

The medically necessary quantity of ostomy supplies for an individual is determined primarily by the type of ostomy, its location, its construction, and the condition of the skin surface surrounding the stoma. There will be variation according to individual's medical need which may vary over time.

Table 1 references the quantity of supplies that are usually considered medically necessary. The actual quantity that is considered medically necessary for a particular individual may be more or less than the amount listed depending on the factors that affect the frequency of barrier and pouch change.

The request for an additional quantity of supplies must be accompanied by clear documentation of medical necessity in the individual's medical records.

Table 1: Usual Maximum Number of Supplies

Code	Description	Number per Month
A4357	Bedside drainage bag, day or night, with or without anti-reflux device, with or without tube, each	2
A4362	Skin barrier; solid, 4 x 4 or equivalent; each	20
A4364	Adhesive, liquid or equal, any type, per oz	4
A4367	Ostomy belt, each	1
A4369	Ostomy skin barrier, liquid (spray, brush, etc.), per oz	2
A4377	Ostomy pouch, drainable, for use on faceplate, plastic, each	10
A4381	Ostomy pouch, urinary, for use on faceplate, plastic, each	10
A4402	Lubricant, per ounce	4
A4404	Ostomy ring, each	10
A4405	Ostomy skin barrier, non-pectin based, paste, per ounce	4
A4406	Ostomy skin barrier, pectin-based, paste, per ounce	4
A4414	Ostomy skin barrier, with flange (solid, flexible or accordion), without built-in convexity, 4 x 4 inches or smaller, each	20
A4415	Ostomy skin barrier, with flange (solid, flexible or accordion), without built-in convexity, larger than 4 x 4 inches, each	20
A4416	Ostomy pouch, closed, with barrier attached, with filter (1 piece), each	60
A4417	Ostomy pouch, closed, with barrier attached, with built-in convexity, with filter (1 piece), each	60
A4418	Ostomy pouch, closed; without barrier attached, with filter (1 piece), each	60
A4419	Ostomy pouch, closed; for use on barrier with non-locking flange, with filter (2 piece), each	60

Code	Description	Number per Month
A4420	Ostomy pouch, closed; for use on barrier with locking flange (2 piece), each	60
A4423	Ostomy pouch, closed; for use on barrier with locking flange, with filter (2 piece), each	60
A4424	Ostomy pouch, drainable, with barrier attached, with filter (1 piece), each	20
A4425	Ostomy pouch, drainable; for use on barrier with non-locking flange, with filter (2 piece system), each	20
A4426	Ostomy pouch, drainable; for use on barrier with locking flange (2 piece system), each	20
A4427	Ostomy pouch, drainable; for use on barrier with locking flange, with filter (2 piece system), each	20
A4429	Ostomy pouch, urinary, with barrier attached, with built-in convexity, with faucet-type tap with valve (1 piece), each	20
A4431	Ostomy pouch, urinary; with barrier attached, with faucet-type tap with valve (1 piece), each	20
A4432	Ostomy pouch, urinary; for use on barrier with non-locking flange, with faucet-type tap with valve (2 piece), each	20
A4433	Ostomy pouch, urinary; for use on barrier with locking flange (2 piece), each	20
A4434	Ostomy pouch, urinary; for use on barrier with locking flange, with faucet-type tap with valve (2 piece), each	20
A4436	Irrigation supply; sleeve, reusable, per month	1
A4437	Irrigation supply; sleeve, disposable, per month	1
A4450	Tape, non-waterproof, per 18 square inches	40
A4452	Tape, waterproof, per 18 square inches	40
A5051	Ostomy pouch, closed; with barrier attached (1 piece), each	60

Code	Description	Number per Month
A5052	Ostomy pouch, closed; without barrier attached (1 piece), each	60
A5053	Ostomy pouch, closed; for use on faceplate, each	60
A5054	Ostomy pouch, closed; for use on barrier with flange (2 piece), each	60
A5055	Stoma cap	31
A5056	Ostomy pouch, drainable, with extended wear barrier attached, with filter, (1 piece), each	40
A5057	Ostomy pouch, drainable, with extended wear barrier attached, with built in convexity, with filter, (1 piece), each	40
A5061	Ostomy pouch, drainable; with barrier attached, (1 piece), each	20
A5062	Ostomy pouch, drainable; without barrier attached (1 piece), each	20
A5063	Ostomy pouch, drainable; for use on barrier with flange (2 piece system), each	20
A5071	Ostomy pouch, urinary; with barrier attached (1 piece), each	20
A5072	Ostomy pouch, urinary; without barrier attached (1 piece), each	20
A5073	Ostomy pouch, urinary; for use on barrier with flange (2 piece), each	20
A5081	Stoma plug or seal, any type	31
A5082	Continent device; catheter for continent stoma	1
A5083	Continent device, stoma absorptive cover for continent stoma	150
A5093	Ostomy accessory; convex insert	10
A5121	Skin barrier; solid, 6 x 6 or equivalent, each	20
A5122	Skin barrier; solid, 8 x 8 or equivalent, each	20
A5126	Adhesive or non-adhesive; disk or foam pad	20

Code	Description	Number per Month
A5131	Appliance cleaner, incontinence and ostomy appliances, per 16 oz.	1
A6216	Gauze, non-impregnated, non-sterile, pad size 16 sq. in. or less, without adhesive border, each dressing	60
A4361	Ostomy faceplate, each	3
A4371	Ostomy skin barrier, powder, per oz	10
A4398	Ostomy irrigation supply; bag, each	2
A4399	Ostomy irrigation supply; cone/catheter, with or without brush	2
A5102	Bedside draining bottle with or without tubing, rigid or expandable, each	2
A5120	Skin wipes or swabs, each	150

Other codes addressed in this guideline

Code	Description
A4455	Adhesive remover or solvent (for tape, cement or other adhesive), per ounce
A4363	Ostomy clamp, any type, replacement only, each
A4366	Ostomy vent, any type, each
A4368	Ostomy filter, any type, each
A4372	Ostomy skin barrier, solid 4 x 4 or equivalent, standard wear, with built-in convexity, each
A4373	Ostomy skin barrier, with flange (solid, flexible or accordion), with built-in convexity, any size, each
A4375	Ostomy pouch, drainable, with faceplate attached, plastic, each
A4376	Ostomy pouch, drainable, with faceplate attached, rubber, each
A4378	Ostomy pouch, drainable, for use on faceplate, rubber, each
A4379	Ostomy pouch, urinary, with faceplate attached, plastic, each
A4380	Ostomy pouch, urinary, with faceplate attached, rubber, each

Code	Description
A4382	Ostomy pouch, urinary, for use on faceplate, heavy plastic, each
A4383	Ostomy pouch, urinary, for use on faceplate, rubber, each
A4384	Ostomy faceplate equivalent, silicone ring, each
A4385	Ostomy skin barrier, solid 4 x 4 or equivalent, extended wear, without built-in convexity, each
A4387	Ostomy pouch, closed, with barrier attached, with built-in convexity (1 piece), each
A4388	Ostomy pouch, drainable, with extended wear barrier attached, (1 piece), each
A4390	Ostomy pouch, drainable, with extended wear barrier attached, with built-in convexity (1 piece), each
A4391	Ostomy pouch, urinary, with extended wear barrier attached (1 piece), each
A4392	Ostomy pouch, urinary, with standard wear barrier attached, with built-in convexity (1 piece), each
A4393	Ostomy pouch, urinary, with extended wear barrier attached, with built-in convexity (1 piece), each
A4394	Ostomy deodorant, with or without lubricant, for use in ostomy pouch, per fluid ounce
A4395	Ostomy deodorant for use in ostomy pouch, solid, per tablet
A4396	Ostomy belt with peristomal hernia support
A4400	Ostomy irrigation set
A4407	Ostomy skin barrier, with flange (solid, flexible, or accordion), extended wear, with built-in convexity, 4 x 4 inches or smaller, each
A4408	Ostomy skin barrier, with flange (solid, flexible or accordion), extended wear, with built-in convexity, larger than 4 x 4 inches, each
A4410	Ostomy skin barrier, with flange (solid, flexible or accordion), extended wear, without built-in convexity, larger than 4 x 4 inches, each

Code	Description
A4411	Ostomy skin barrier, solid 4 x 4 or equivalent, extended wear, with built-in convexity, each
A4412	Ostomy pouch, drainable, high output, for use on a barrier with flange (2 piece system), without filter, each
A4413	Ostomy pouch, drainable, high output, for use on a barrier with flange (2 piece system), with filter, each
A4421	Ostomy supply; miscellaneous
A4422	Ostomy absorbent material (sheet/pad/crystal packet) for use in ostomy pouch to thicken liquid stomal output, each
A4428	Ostomy pouch, urinary, with extended wear barrier attached, with faucet-type tap with valve (1 piece), each
A4430	Ostomy pouch, urinary, with extended wear barrier attached, with built-in convexity, with faucet-type tap with valve (1 piece), each
A4435	Ostomy pouch, drainable, high output, with extended wear barrier (one-piece system), with or without filter, each

Definitions

An **ostomy** is a surgically created opening (stoma), used to divert urine or fecal contents outside the body.

A **colostomy** is a stoma created from a portion of the colon. Common indications for colostomy may include colorectal cancer, diverticulitis with perforation, trauma, Crohn's disease, or the need for fecal diversion (in the setting of fecal incontinence, a sacral wound, or a spinal cord injury). The output from a colostomy usually occurs from once daily bowel movements, and colostomy appliances usually are changed once every six to seven days.

A **urostomy** is a surgically created opening in the abdominal wall through which urine passes. A urostomy is created when the bladder is either not functioning or must be removed.

Ostomy supplies are used by individuals who have undergone an ostomy procedure to care for their ostomy site. Supplies may include, but are not limited to: colostomy bags, skin barriers, adhesives, ostomy pastes, deodorizers, and moisture barriers.

Evidence Discussion

Ostomy supplies may be used for individuals dealing with certain medical conditions, such as colorectal cancer, inflammatory bowel disease, or severe injury. The purpose of an ostomy is to bypass damaged portions of the digestive or urinary systems, allowing waste to exit the body safely and comfortably. These supplies are specifically designed to collect waste, protect the skin, and facilitate the maintenance of hygiene. The United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) considers ostomy supplies to be Class 1, which is considered low to moderate risk and requires general control.¹

Li et al.² (2022) conducted a systematic review to consolidate the recommendations found in existing clinical practice guidelines for ostomy care. The authors noted that the recommendations of the guidelines, while consistent, used different evidence grading systems to explain the levels of evidence. The authors also indicated that current evidences reveals parastomal hernia as a common ostomy-related complication in various types of stomas.²

Diniz et al.³ (2025) conducted a before-and-after interventional study to assess changes in quality of life among 19 adult individuals using a colostomy plug. The study found strong correlations between adaptation and quality of life both before ($r = 0.823$, $P = .000015$) and after ($r = 0.808$, $P = .000028$) the use of a colostomy plug, and concluded that the use of a colostomy plug may improve the qualify of life for individuals living with a colostomy.³

Dourado et al.⁴ (2024) conducted a systemic review of 22 studies to to evaluate the efficacy of ostomy continence devices in enhancing continence and improving an individual's quality of life. The authors identified that the selective and short-term usage of ostomy devices may lead to improved continence and quality of life.⁴

¹ United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Medical Device Safety and the 510(k) Clearance Process. Accessed March 5, 2025. <https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/510k-clearances/medical-device-safetyand-510k-clearance-process>

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³ Diniz IV, Mendonça AEO, Almeida AM, et al. Quality of Life and Adaptation of People With a Colostomy Plug: A Before-After Interventional Study. *J Wound Ostomy Continence Nurs*. 2025;52(1):54-57. doi:10.1097/WON.0000000000001145

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Codes

Urological HCPCS Codes

HCPCS Code	Description
A4311-A4216	Indwelling catheters
A4326-A4328	External catheters/Collection Devices
A4310-A4316, A4353, A4354	Catheter Insertion Tray
A4314-A4316, A4353, A4357, A4358, A5112	Urinary Drainage Collection System
A4320, A4322, A4217, A4355, A4313, A4316, A4346	Irrigation Supplies
A4409	Ostomy skin barrier, with flange (solid, flexible or accordion), extended wear, without built-in convexity, 4 x 4 inches or smaller, each
A4421	Ostomy supply; miscellaneous
A4430	Perianal fecal collection pouch with adhesive, each

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