Ostomy Supplies Policy

Policy

VCHCP covers ostomy supplies as needed by the member when all of the following criteria are met:

- The ostomy supplies are supplied to replace all or part of an absent body organ or the function of a permanently inoperative or malfunctioning organ.
- The ostomy supplies are prescribed by an eligible health care provider.
- The ostomy supplies are supplied by an eligible ancillary provider.

Copays will apply per the VCHCP Evidence of Coverage for prosthetic devices.

Definitions:

Ostomy refers to a surgically formed artificial opening that serves as an exit site for a stoma that the surgeon has made from the small intestine, large intestine, or urinary bladder to the outside of the body.

Ostomy supplies are categorized as prosthetic devices and are used by individuals with a surgically created opening (stoma) to divert urine, feces, or ileal contents outside of the body. They can also be used for drainage of an abnormal opening or from a malfunctioning organ (e.g., fistula).

Prosthetic devices replace all or part of an absent body organ or the function of a permanently inoperative or malfunctioning body organ.

Procedure:

Prior authorization is required. Requesting provider should submit request to VCHCP UM Department including clinical notes demonstrating medical necessity.

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