

## Medical Policy



### Dehumidifier/Humidifier

#### Description

A dehumidifier removes moisture from the air. A humidifier adds moisture to the air.

#### Policy

Dehumidifiers (all types)/humidifiers (house and room) used other than with oxygen systems, ventilators and positive airway pressure devices (CPAP, BiPAP) are considered not reasonable and necessary as they are environmental control equipment and not primarily medical in nature.

Refer to medical policies on oxygen, and positive airway pressure devices (CPAP, BiPAP).

#### HCPCS Level II Codes and Description

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| E1399 | Durable medical equipment, miscellaneous |
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#### Important Note:

Northwood's Medical Policies are developed to assist Northwood in administering plan benefits and determining whether a particular DMEPOS product or service is reasonable and necessary. Equipment that is used primarily and customarily for a non-medical purpose is not considered durable medical equipment.

Coverage determinations are made on a case-by-case basis and are subject to all of the terms, conditions, limitations, and exclusions of the member's contract including medical necessity requirements.

The conclusion that a DMEPOS product or service is reasonable and necessary does not constitute coverage. The member's contract defines which DMEPOS product or service is covered, excluded or limited. The policies provide for clearly written, reasonable and current criteria that have been approved by Northwood's Medical Director.

The clinical criteria and medical policies provide guidelines for determining the medical necessity for specific DMEPOS products or services. In all cases, final benefit determinations are based on the applicable contract language. To the extent there are any conflicts between medical policy guidelines and applicable contract language, the contract language prevails. Medical policy is not intended to override the policy that defines the member's benefits, nor is it intended to dictate to providers how to direct care.

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Northwood Medical policies shall not be interpreted to limit the benefits afforded to Medicare or Medicaid members by law and regulation and Northwood will use the applicable state requirements to determine required quantity limit guidelines.

Northwood's policies do not constitute medical advice. Northwood does not provide or recommend treatment to members. Members should consult with their treating practitioner in connection with diagnosis and treatment decisions.

Northwood follows all CMS National Coverage Determinations (NCD) and Local Coverage Determinations (LCD), as applicable.

### References

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, National Coverage Determination Manual. 280.1 Durable Medical Equipment Reference List. [NCD - Durable Medical Equipment Reference List \(280.1\)](#) Last accessed and reviewed 11-03-2025.

### Change/Authorization History

| Revision Number | Date     | Description of Change                        | Prepared/ Reviewed by | Approved by    | Review Date: | Effective Date: |
|-----------------|----------|--|-----------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| A               | Nov.2006 | Initial Release                              | Rosanne Brugnoli      | Ken Fasse      |              |                 |
| 01              |          | Annual Review / no changes                   | Susan Glomb           | Ken Fasse      | Dec. 2008    |                 |
| 02              | 12-22-09 | Annual Review/no changes                     | Susan Glomb           | Ken Fasse      | Dec. 2009    |                 |
| 03              | 11-24-10 | Annual Review/ No changes                    | Susan Glomb           | Ken Fasse      | Nov.2010     |                 |
| 04              | 07-20-11 | Added Important Note to all Medical Policies | Susan Glomb           | Dr. B. Almasri |              |                 |
| 05              | 12-13-11 | Annual Review. Added References to Policy    | Susan Glomb           | Dr. B. Almasri | Dec. 2011    |                 |
| 06              | 11-28-12 | Annual review – no changes.                  | Susan Glomb           | Dr. B. Almasri | Nov. 2012    |                 |
| 07              | 12-30-13 | Annual review. No changes                    | Susan Glomb           | Dr. B. Almasri |              |                 |

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| 08 | 11-25-14   | Annual Review. No changes                                      | Susan Glomb              | Dr. B. Almasri |                  |                  |
| 09 | 10-27-15   | Annual Review. No Changes.                                     | Lisa Wojno               | Dr. B. Almasri | October 2015     |                  |
| 10 | 11-14-16   | Annual Review. No Changes.                                     | Lisa Wojno               | Dr. B. Almasri | November 2016    |                  |
| 11 | 11-10-17   | Annual Review. No Changes.                                     | Carol Dimech             | Dr. C. Lerchin | November 2017    |                  |
| 12 | 11-09-18   | Annual Review. No Changes.                                     | Lisa Wojno               | Dr. C. Lerchin | November 2018    |                  |
| 13 | 11-01-19   | Annual Review. No Changes.                                     | Lisa Wojno               | Dr. C. Lerchin | November 2019    | November 2019    |
| 14 | 11-6-20    | Annual Review. No Changes.                                     | Carol Dimech             | Dr. C. Lerchin | November 6, 2020 | November 6, 2020 |
| 15 | 11-9-21    | Annual review. Added NCD and LCD verbiage to "Important Note". | Carol Dimech/Susan Glomb | Dr. C. Lerchin | November 9, 2021 | 11-9-21          |
| 16 | 11-4-22    | Annual Review. No Changes.                                     | Lisa Wojno               | Dr. C. Lerchin | November 4, 2022 |                  |
| 17 | 11-8-23    | Annual Review. No Changes.                                     | Carol Dimech             | Dr. C. Lerchin | 11-8-23          | 11-8-23          |
| 18 | 11-7-24    | Annual Review. No Changes.                                     | Carol Dimech             | Dr. C. Lerchin | 11-7-24          | 11-7-24          |
| 19 | 11-03-2025 | Annual Review. Updated CMS reference link.                     | Lisa Wojno               | Dr. C. Lerchin | 11-03-2025       | 11-03-2025       |