

2023 Billing and Coding Guide

Tracheostomy tubes and accessories

This guide is intended to aid providers in appropriate HCPCS and/or CPT^{®1} code selection for Shiley[™] tracheostomy tubes and accessories. The document reflects applicable and commonly billed procedure codes. This document is not all-inclusive nor does it replace advice from your coding and compliance departments and/or CPT^{®1} coding manuals.

Medicare coverage guidelines

- Durable medical equipment (DME) Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs)² permit coverage of tracheostomy care supplies for patients following an open surgical tracheostomy.
- The DME MAC LCDs² limit replacement of polyvinyl chloride and silicone tracheostomy tubes to one per three months, and replacement of inner cannulas to 62 per month.
- Shiley[™] tracheostomy tubes usage is recommended not to exceed 29 days, and inner cannulas should be replaced as needed.
- The DME MAC tracheostomy care supplies LCDs² state the maximum number of items/units of service listed are the number they consider “usually reasonable and necessary”.
- The medical necessity explanation for using a greater quantity of supplies than the amounts listed must be clearly documented.

HCPCS³ II Codes

Level II HCPCS³ codes are primarily used to report supplies, drugs and implants that are not reported by a CPT^{®1} code. HCPCS³ codes are reported by the physician, hospital or DME provider that purchased the item, device, or supply. Different payers have different payment methods for these items.

If the device or supply is reimbursed under the Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetic, Orthotic or Supply (DMEPOS)⁴ fee schedule, Medicare may reimburse based on a ceiling and floor amount, average wholesale price or other methodologies. Please visit the Medtronic Medical Surgical Reimbursement website for more information <https://www.medtronic.com/covidien/en-us/support/reimbursement.html>

HCPCS Coding

HCPCS ³ Code	Description
A4481	Tracheostoma filter, any type, any size
A4483	Moisture exchanger, disposable, for use with invasive mechanical ventilation
A4623	Tracheostomy inner cannula
A4629	Tracheostomy care kit for established tracheostomy
A7507	Filter holder and integrated filter without adhesive, for use in a tracheostoma heat and moisture exchange system, each
A7520	Tracheostomy/laryngectomy tube, non-cuffed, polyvinyl chloride (PVC), silicone or equal, each
A7521	Tracheostomy/laryngectomy tube, cuffed, polyvinyl chloride (PVC), silicone or equal, each
A7524	Tracheostoma stent/stud/button, each
A4526	Tracheostomy tube collar/holder, each
A4527	Tracheostomy/laryngectomy tube plug/stop, each
A9999	Miscellaneous durable medical equipment (DME) supply or accessory, not otherwise specified
L8501	Tracheostomy speaking valve
HCPCS ³ codes for non-medicare	
S1002	Customized item
S8186	Swivel adaptor
S8189	Tracheostomy supply, not otherwise classified (could potentially be used to submit claims for anti-disconnect devices and flex tubes, for example)
E1399	Durable medical equipment, miscellaneous

References

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