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**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this bulletin is to clarify coverage for supplies and equipment under the NHI Plan for off-island referral and local inpatient care. This bulletin also specifies items under supplies and equipments payable under the Medical Savings Account.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Healthcare Fund covers limited supplies and equipment. The only change in the revised regulations is the inclusion of prosthesis as a covered item under the National Health Insurance. All other items under supplies and equipments are not covered under the NHI plan but are MSA payable.

**INTERPRETATION:**

**OFF-ISLAND REFERRAL & LOCAL INPATIENT CARE**

Durable Medical Equipments (DME) MSA Payable

Durable Medical Equipments includes but limited to blood sugar Monitors, canes, commode Chairs, CPM machines, crutches, hospital beds, walkers, and wheelchairs are not covered under the Plan. But are payable under MSA.

Orthotics MSA Payable

Orthotics is a specialty for the designs of orthoses, an externally applied device use to modify the structural and functional characteristics of neuromuscular and skeletal system. Orthotics are not covered under the Plan but is payable under MSA.

Prosthetics NHI Covered

Prosthesis or artificial devices that a missing body part which may be loss to trauma, disease or congenital conditions are covered under the plan. Coverage for any prosthesis or prosthetics requires pre-approval from the Plan Administrator. Coverage is once every 3 years.

Diabetic Equipment MSA Payable

Diabetic equipment and supplies includes but not limited to blood glucose meters, glucose test strips, lancet devices, glucose control solutions and glucose supplies are not covered under the Plan. But are payable under MSA.