

Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Authorization Requirement Changes – Medicaid and Commercial

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Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island (Neighborhood) is implementing updates to authorization requirements for certain Durable Medical Equipment (DME) products.

Effective June 1, 2026, prior authorization will be required for the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes listed below for Neighborhood **Medicaid** and **Commercial** members.

These updates are part of Neighborhood’s annual review of DME services and are intended to ensure appropriate utilization of high-cost equipment while supporting safe and effective care for our members

DME Codes Requiring Authorization Beginning June 1, 2026

HCPCS	Description
E0302	Extra heavy-duty hospital bed with weight capacity greater than 600 pounds, without mattress
E0467	Multi-function home ventilator used for respiratory support
L0486	Custom fabricated triplanar thoracolumbosacral orthosis (TLSO), two-piece design with interface liner
L1846	Custom fabricated knee orthosis with double uprights, including thigh and calf components
L1945	Custom molded ankle-foot orthosis (AFO) made of plastic with rigid anterior tibial section
L2036	Knee ankle foot orthosis (KAFO) full plastic double upright custom fabricated
L2037	Custom fabricated KAFO with full plastic design and single upright
L3740	Custom fabricated elbow orthosis with double uprights, adjustable lock, cuffs, and active control
L5673	Addition to a lower extremity prosthesis for a custom fabricated component used with a locking mechanism
L5679	Addition to a lower extremity prosthesis for a custom fabricated component used with a locking mechanism
L5781	Addition to a lower limb prosthesis for a residual limb volume management system
L5783	Addition to a lower extremity prosthesis for a mechanical residual limb volume management system
L5828	Addition to an endoskeletal knee-shin prosthetic system with swing and stance phase control
L5968	Addition to a lower limb prosthesis for a multi-axial ankle component with swing phase control
L5981	Flex-walk system or equivalent component for a lower extremity prosthesis
L5987	Shank-foot prosthetic system with vertical load pylon for a lower extremity prosthesis

L6721	Heavy-duty mechanical hook or hand terminal device for an upper extremity prosthesis, voluntary opening
L6880	Myoelectric controlled electric hand with independently articulating digits and motorized function
L6935	Myoelectric controlled terminal device for a below-elbow prosthesis
L8619	Replacement external speech processor or controller for a cochlear implant

What Providers Need to Know

- Beginning June 1, 2026, prior authorization must be obtained before submitting claims for the above listed codes.
- Claims submitted without the required authorization will be denied.
- Neighborhood will update the [authorization requirements grid](#) prior to the effective date.

Neighborhood appreciates your partnership and ongoing dedication to providing high-quality care to our members.