Policy References: 
Local Coverage Determination Suction Pumps (L33612) and Policy Article (A52519)

Documentation References: Standard Documentation Requirements Policy Article (PA) A55426

The treating clinician must complete the following items:
- Dispensing order
- Sign and date a detailed written order (DWO)
- Medical record documentation requirements (see below)

Medical Documentation

Gastric Suction Pumps are covered when:
- Medical records support the beneficiary is unable to empty gastric secretions through normal gastrointestinal functions.

Respiratory Suction Pumps are covered when:
- Medical records support the beneficiary has difficulty raising and clearing secretions secondary to one of the following:
  - Cancer or surgery of the throat or mouth; or
  - Dysfunction of the swallowing muscles; or
  - Unconsciousness or obtunded state; or
  - Tracheostomy

Tracheal Suction Catheters are covered when all of the following are met:
- Beneficiary has a tracheostomy (Refer to LCD for the covered ICD codes)
- Beneficiary requires the use of a covered respiratory pump for tracheostomy suctioning

Closed System Catheters are covered when all of the following are met:
- Beneficiary has a tracheostomy
- Beneficiary requires the use of a covered respiratory pump for tracheostomy suctioning
- Beneficiary requires the use of a covered ventilator

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