

Policy References: [Local Coverage Determination Suction Pumps \(L33612\)](#) and [Policy Article \(A52519\)](#)

Documentation References: [Standard Documentation Requirements Policy Article \(PA\) A55426](#)

The supplier must be able to provide all of these items on request:

- [Standard Written Order \(SWO\)](#)
- [Beneficiary Authorization](#)
- [Proof of Delivery \(POD\)](#)
- [Continued Need](#)
- [Continued Use](#)
- Medical records from treating practitioner as noted below

Medical records should contain:

Gastric Suction Pumps (E2000)

- Medical records support the beneficiary is unable to empty gastric secretions through normal gastrointestinal functions

Respiratory Suction Pumps (E0600)

- Medical records support the beneficiary has difficulty raising and clearing secretions secondary to:
 - Cancer or surgery of the throat or mouth; **or**
 - Dysfunction of the swallowing muscles; **or**
 - Unconsciousness or obtunded state; **or**
 - Tracheostomy

Tracheal Suction Catheters (A4624)

- Beneficiary has a tracheostomy (Refer to LCD for the covered ICD codes); **and**
- Beneficiary requires the use of a covered respiratory pump (E0600) for tracheostomy suctioning

Closed System Catheters (A4605)

- Beneficiary has a tracheostomy (Refer to LCD for the covered ICD codes); **and**
- Beneficiary requires the use of a covered respiratory pump (E0600) for tracheostomy suctioning
- Beneficiary requires the use of a covered ventilator

Sterile Saline Solution (A4216, A4217)

- Saline is being used to clear a suction catheter after tracheostomy suctioning (Sterile saline is not covered for oropharyngeal suctioning.)

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