

**Policy References:** [Local Coverage Determination Urological Supplies \(L33803\) and Policy Article \(A52521\)](#)

**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 \(POD\)](#)
- [Refill Requirements](#)
- [Continued Need](#)
- [Continued Use](#)
- Medical records from treating practitioner as noted below

**Medical records should contain:**

- Urinary catheters and external urinary collection devices
- Medical records support the beneficiary has permanent urinary incontinence or permanent urinary retention that is not expected to be medically or surgically corrected within 3 months

Indwelling catheters (A4331 – A4316, A4338 – A4346)

- No more than one catheter change per month for routine catheter maintenance
- Non-routine indwelling catheter changes
  - Medical records substantiate medical necessity for non-routine catheter changes such as:
    - Catheter is accidentally removed (e.g., pulled out by beneficiary)
    - Malfunction of catheter (e.g., balloon does not stay inflated, hole in catheter)
    - Catheter is obstructed by encrustation, mucous plug, or blood clot
    - History of recurrent obstruction or urinary tract infection for which it has been established that an acute event is prevented by a scheduled change frequency of more than once per month

Specialty indwelling catheter (A4340) or all silicone catheter (A4344, A4312, or A4315)

- Criteria for an indwelling catheter (above) are met; **and**

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- Medical records justify the need for that catheter such as;
  - Recurrent encrustation; **or**
  - Inability to pass a straight catheter; **or**
  - Sensitivity to latex

Three-way Indwelling Catheter Either Alone (A4346) or with Other Components (A4313, A4316)

- Medical records support continuous catheter irrigation is medically necessary
  - There is a history of obstruction of the catheter; **and**
  - Patency of the catheter cannot be maintained by intermittent irrigation in conjunction with reasonable and necessary catheter changes

Non-routine Changes of Urinary Drainage Collection System (A4314 – A4316, A4354, A4357, A4358, A5102, A5112)

- Medical records support the necessity for non-routine changes such as:
  - Obstruction
  - Sludging
  - Clotting of blood
  - Chronic, recurrent, urinary tract infections

Leg Bags (A4358 or A5112)

- Medical records support the beneficiary is ambulatory or chair or wheelchair bound

Intermittent Irrigation (A4320, A4322, A4217) of Indwelling Catheters

- Medical records show irrigation is being performed on a non-routine basis due to the presence of an acute obstruction in the catheter

Continuous Irrigation of Indwelling Catheters [Three-way Foley Catheter (A4313, A4316, A4346), Irrigation Tubing (A4355), and Sterile Water/Saline (A4217)]

- History of obstruction of the catheter; **and**
- Patency of the catheter cannot be maintained by intermittent irrigation in conjunction with reasonable and necessary catheter changes; **and**
- Record substantiates the medical necessity of catheter irrigation and in particular continuous irrigation as opposed to intermittent irrigation; **and**
- Record indicates the rate of solution administration and the duration of need

Intermittent Catheterization (A4351, A4352, A4332, or A4353)

- Basic coverage criteria are met; **and**
- Beneficiary or caregiver can perform the procedure

### Sterile Intermittent Catheterization (SIC) Kits (A4353)

- Medical records support the beneficiary requires catheterization and meets one (1) of the following:
  - Beneficiary resides in a nursing facility; **or**
  - Beneficiary is immunosuppressed; **or**
  - Beneficiary has a radiologically documented vesico-ureteral reflux while on a program of intermittent catheterization; **or**
  - Beneficiary is a spinal-cord injured pregnant female with neurogenic bladder; **or**
  - Beneficiary has had distinct, recurrent UTI's while on a program of sterile intermittent catheterization with A4351/A4352 and sterile lubricant (A4332) twice within the 12-month period prior to initiation of SIC
- Urine culture with >10,000 colony forming units of a urinary pathogen and concurrent presence of at least one (1) of the following:
  - Fever; **or**
  - Systemic leukocytosis; **or**
  - Change in urinary urgency, frequency or incontinence; **or**
  - Appearance of new or increase in autonomic dysreflexia; **or**
  - Physical signs of prostatitis, epididymitis, orchitis; **or**
  - Increased muscle spasms; or Pyuria

### Coude (Curved) Tip Catheter (A4352)

- Medical records support necessity for a curved rather than straight tip catheter (A4351)

### External Catheters/Urinary Collection Devices

- Medical records support the beneficiary has permanent urinary incontinence and the external device is used as an alternative to an indwelling catheter

### More Than 35 Male External Catheters (A4349)/Month

- Medical records support the medical necessity

### Specialty type male external catheters (A4326)

- Medical records support the medical necessity

### Miscellaneous Supplies

- Urethral inserts (A4336)
  - Adult female has stress incontinence; **and**
  - Basic coverage criteria are met; **and**
  - Beneficiary or caregiver can perform the procedure