

Reasonable Useful Lifetime for Durable Medical Equipment

Purpose of this communication:

- To provide information regarding Reasonable Useful Lifetime for Durable Medical Equipment (DME).

What do I need to know?

- **Reasonable Useful Lifetime for Durable Medical Equipment is five years.**
 - Example: If a pump has a two year warranty and the pump breaks before two years, any repairs or replacements would be covered by the manufacturer under warranty. However, if the pump breaks after the two year warranty, but before five years, any repairs or replacements would be covered by the health plan as it is within useful life. Beyond five years, in the event of a non-functioning item, a replacement would be covered by the health plan.
- **For a replacement DME item provided before Reasonable Useful Lifetime, but after warranty, an RA modifier is required on the claim.**

What do I need to do?

- Providers should reference the [CareCentrix Provider Manual](#) as well as [Health Plan Medical Coverage Guidelines](#) available on HomeBridge[®] and refer to these materials prior to requesting a replacement or repairs.

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