

TAR Discharge Planning Option Codes

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This section lists the HCPCS codes and services covered under the Discharge Planning Option. These codes are used when completing the *Medi-Cal Managed Care Authorization form (55-1)*, *Long Term Care Treatment Authorization Request (20-1)* and the *Treatment Authorization Request (TAR, 50-1)* for Discharge Planning Option (DPO).

Durable Medical Equipment (DME)

In some cases, the Part 2 Durable Medical Equipment (DME) and Medical Supplies manual states that the services listed may be provided on either a rental or purchase basis; however, the Discharge Planning Option Medi-Cal Consultant only has the authority to approve rental or purchase of items or services as indicated on the following pages. Approval to purchase a DME item listed as rental only may be obtained through the normal TAR process, as explained in the Part 2 Durable Medical Equipment (DME) and Medical Supplies manual.

DME Purchase or Rental Allowance Without Prior Authorization

DME providers can dispense up to \$100 worth of item(s) (for related groups) for purchase per day of service to an individual patient without prior authorization. They can provide item(s) for rental (for related groups) without prior authorization up to \$50 cumulative rental cost per item(s). Thus, low-cost items such as crutches, canes, walkers, etc., can usually be dispensed without a TAR.

Items listed "By Report" require the provider to submit the claim with a copy of the invoice (showing what the provider paid for the item) and/or a copy of the catalog listing the page showing the price of the item. "By Report" items always require a TAR.