

PUMP COVERAGE GUIDELINES

Bosom Buddies 617 669-3967 or 413 695-4128
 Cambridge Medical Supply 617 876-3810 fax 617 491-1511
 Compass Healthcare 617 566-6772 fax 617 566-5088
 Edgepark Medical Supplies 1 800 321-0591

Company	Coverage	Conditions for request	Script?	Supplier
BMC HealthNet Plan (BMCHNP) *Commonwealth care members are eligible English: 1 888-566-0010 Spanish 1 888-566-0012	Personal use double-electric: Medela – PIS* *Mom must be a member prior to infant's birth to be eligible	back to work, school, NICU or other separation, cracked nipples, latch problem, special needs infant** **otherwise member may receive a manual pump from the Boston Medical Center HealthNet Plan Office	No	Bosom Buddies – call 617 669-3967 or fill in request form on Birthplace Or Edgepark Medical Supplies – will mail Or Mom may get from BMCHNP office by calling Sherry Fader, RN for approval first (617) 748-6472
Neighborhood Health Plan (NHP) 617 772-5530 *Commonwealth Care members not eligible for pump	Medela - PIS "WIC" pump w/tote or Ameda - Purely Yours *Can opt to get hospital-grade rental for 3 months instead, if baby is premature	No condition necessary	Yes* Yes* Yes* Yes* *script must be written or cosigned by an MD	Bosom Buddies – call 617 669-3967 Cambridge Medical Supply- Edgepark Medical Supplies Compass Health Care
Standard Mass Health 1 800 841-2900	Personal use double-electric: Medela "WIC" pump w/ tote or Ameda - Purely Yours without tote	Separation only (hospitalization of mother or infant)	No Yes	Bosom Buddies Cambridge Medical Supply
Healthy Start 1 888 488-9161	Personal use double-electric -Medela "WIC" pump w/ tote or Ameda - Purely Yours without tote *Expires 60 days after the end of the month baby was born.	No condition necessary * pays up to \$300 total for durable medical equipment. If benefit was used for other items (ie pregnancy girdle), mom can't get pump	No Yes	Bosom Buddies Cambridge Medical Supply
Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Mass HMO Blue of Mass 1 800 422-3545	Double-electric: Rental* up to 1 year or Ameda Purely Yours or Medela Pump in Style personal use pump *May get rental for 1-2 months then switch to personal use if medical issue	latch issues, prematurity, engorgement or mastitis inverted, cracked or bleeding nipples, poor weight gain in baby, separation (hospitalization)	Yes Yes Yes	Cambridge Medical Supply Compass Health Care Edgepark Medical Supplies Copayment may be required depending on policy If renting, need credit card # to pay for pump kit (\$40-\$60)

Harvard Pilgrim 1 888 888-4742	Double-electric: Rental up to 3 months or Ameda Purely Yours or Medela Pump in Style personal use pump	latch issues, prematurity, inverted, cracked or bleeding nipples, separation (hospitalization)	Yes Yes Yes	Cambridge Medical Supply Compass Health Care Edgepark Medical Supplies
Tufts 1 800 462-0224	Double-electric: Rental 1 month – Tufts case manager will re-assess need at 1 month	separation due to infant or maternal hospitalization, Congenital oral anomaly	Yes Yes Yes	Cambridge Medical Compass Health Care Edgepark Medical Supplies Copayment may be required depending on policy
Fallon 1 800 868-5200	Double-electric: Rental only – up to 3 months	prematurity, separation (hospitalization), engorgement or mastitis, inverted, cracked or bleeding nipples, poor weight gain in baby	Yes	Cambridge Medical Supply Prior authorization required Copayment may be required depending on policy
Network Health 1 617 806-8145	Personal Use double electric: Medela Pump in Style	no condition necessary	No	Network Health – need authorization from Network Health Lactation Consultant – Edgepark Medical Supplies If for return to work, baby should be 6wks+ and exclusively BF and mom must plan to BF for at least a year
Cigna 1 800 901-3566 Fax 800 723-4288	Double-electric rental or Pump in Style	NICU/separation	Yes In Mom's name	Pumps provided through Apria, they will deliver to Mom's home Edgepark Medical Supplies
Children's Medical Security Plan 1 800 909-2677		If \$200 DME available		

INSURANCE INFORMATION

- If a client who has an insurance not shown here wants an electric pump, she can call the Customer Service phone number on her insurance card to find out if they will cover some or all of the cost. (It's good to learn about this ahead of time, before the baby's birth.) Breast pumps are a type of Durable Medical Equipment (DME), so if Customer Service isn't familiar with the policy on pumps specifically, the client can ask how DME is covered. She may have to pay a certain amount ("deductible") before her insurance picks up the cost, or she may have to pay a percentage of the price. She can also check if a prescription is needed, or a process called "Prior Authorization," and which medical supply companies her insurance works with.
- If a client has *MassHealth* (the MA Medicaid program) insurance, she can usually choose a Health Plan, which may pay for breast pumps. Certain immigrants are automatically assigned to *Healthy Start*, but most other clients can pick from about 4 different plans. She can sign up or switch anytime, but access to providers varies between plans. Some clients don't want to get on these plans because they want to be able to see a particular provider, so they are assigned to the *Primary Care Clinician Plan*. However, some end up on PCCP only because they didn't know how to get on a Health Plan, and these clients may want to switch to a Health Plan if they know that they can get benefits like breast pumps.

WIC

- Many WIC clinics distribute free manual pumps to their clients. The client may be able to send her authorized agent (whoever else is allowed to sign her WIC checks) to pick it up.
- WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselors can give general encouragement and education to mothers who are having breastfeeding difficulties. They may be able to explain and advise on using pumps and continuing breastfeeding while separated or after return to work or school. They may in some cases be able to help clients communicate with insurances and suppliers to obtain pumps, especially
- Some WIC offices have free loaner electric breast pumps, which are loaned out on a priority basis (ie medical need versus convenience)