

Information Bulletin

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Attention: Durable Medical Equipment (MSA) Providers

Subject: Community Occupational Therapy Time Sensitive Medical Equipment Authorization

Effective September 1st, 2017, community occupational therapists (COT) have been granted approval to pre-authorize durable medical equipment that is required on an urgent basis in order to ensure the worker's safety.

When equipment is needed immediately on an emergency basis, the COT will complete and submit a form to WorkSafeBC outlining what equipment has been ordered as a result of their time-sensitive assessment.

The following fee codes are to be used when receiving such an approval for urgent equipment from a COT:

- 1204485 - Time Sensitive **Purchase**
 - Billable as 1 unit of 'x' dollars
- 1204486 – Time Sensitive **Rental**
 - Billable as 1 unit of 'x' dollars, at the end of the rental billing cycle, as the total amount billable for that month

For example, if a piece of equipment is rented in this urgent scenario for 15 days at \$25 per day, it would be billed as 1 unit of \$375.

These fee codes are only for the initial, urgent time period. The usual process remains the same for any purchases and/or rentals following this time period and they are to be billed using the regular Durable Medical Equipment fee codes. Billings for rentals should switch over to 1100426 within 30 days of the time sensitive equipment request.

The Durable Medical Supplies Fee Schedule will be updated and posted shortly on our website: <https://www.worksafebc.com/en/health-care-providers/rehabilitation/medical-supply>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Health Care Services.

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