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# Global Commitment Register

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## **Expanding Breast Pump Coverage**

### **Policy Summary:**

The Vermont Medicaid program updated clinical criteria for coverage of breast pumps to respond to concerns from local providers and improve health access for pregnant and lactating beneficiaries. Pregnant beneficiaries will now receive coverage for breast pumps up to 60 days before their projected due date and up to 120 days post-partum and will be eligible to receive one new personal use double electric breast pump per pregnancy. This is a distinct change from current clinical criteria, which requires the birth of a child before an individual becomes eligible for a breast pump, and only allows beneficiaries to claim one new breast pump every three years. These changes aim to reduce stress on beneficiaries at the time of delivery and reduce the administrative burden for providers by shifting some of the required conversations and paperwork to earlier in the pregnancy.

### **Effective Date:**

August 15, 2023

### **Authority/Legal Basis:**

[Medicaid State Plan](#)

### **Population Affected:**

All Medicaid

### **Fiscal Impact:**

This change is expected to be budget neutral.

### **Public Comment Period:**

The public comment period ended on September 5, 2023. [Comments received and the state response to comments can be viewed here.](#)

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### **Additional Information:**

Updated clinical coverage guidelines are posted to the DVHA website.