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Re: Response to Public Comments for Global Commitment Register notice GCR 23-074: Expanding

Breast Pump Coverage

The Agency of Human Services (AHS) response to public comments on this policy change, as well as a summary of the comments received, is below. AHS received fourteen public comments on this proposed policy for expanding coverage of personal use double-electric breast pumps. Comments were submitted by fourteen individuals/organizations.

## **Summary of Comments Received:**

Labor and delivery nurses, lactation consultants, midwifes, family practice physicians, durable medical equipment suppliers, and stakeholders in the homecare community submitted comments in support of the proposed changes to the Medicaid coverage of personal use double-electric breast pumps. AHS did not receive any comments in opposition to the proposed policy and no concerns were raised by the individuals who submitted comments.

Comments submitted to AHS cited improved access for lactating persons and breastfeeding infants, reduced emotional distress in the first days post-partum, increased support for new parents, and more equitable health outcomes as potential benefits of the proposed policy.

## **AHS Response:**

AHS appreciates the comments in support of this change.