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Expansion of Coverage for Breast Pump Supplies

Policy Summary:

The Vermont Medicaid program proposes to expand coverage of personal use breast pump supplies to include replacement parts and breast milk storage bags. The goal of this increased coverage is to support extended breastfeeding duration among Vermont Medicaid beneficiaries. This would help to improve health outcomes among pregnant and lactating persons and their families. Expanding coverage of breast milk storage supplies may also ease the transition back into the workplace for many lactating persons and allow for more flexibility among beneficiaries.

Vermont Medicaid will now cover breast pump tubing, breast pump adapters, breast pump bottle caps, breast shields, bottle protectors, bottles for the breast pump, locking rings, and up to 100 breast milk storage bags per person per month for personal use breast pumps.

Effective Date: January 1, 2024

Authority/Legal Basis: Medicaid State Plan

Population Affected: All Medicaid

Fiscal Impact: The gross annualized budget impact is estimated to be \$164,000.

Public Comment Period: November 14, 2023 - December 14, 2023

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