

<b>ISSUE DATE</b>  <p>May 1, 2020</p>	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE</b>  <p>March 1, 2020</p>	<b>NUMBER</b>  <p>09-20-06, 10-20-03, 14-20-02, 24-20-01, 25-20-01, 31-20-06</p>
<b>SUBJECT</b>  <p>Addition of the Multi-Function Ventilator to the Medical Assistance Program Fee Schedule</p>		<b>BY</b>   <p>Sally A. Kozak, Deputy Secretary Office of Medical Assistance Programs</p>

**IMPORTANT REMINDER:** All providers must revalidate the Medical Assistance (MA) enrollment of each service location every 5 years. Providers should log into PROMISE to check the revalidation dates of each service location and submit revalidation applications at least 60 days prior to the revalidation dates. Enrollment (revalidation) applications may be found at:  
[http://www.dhs.pa.gov/provider/promise/enrollmentinformation/S\\_001994](http://www.dhs.pa.gov/provider/promise/enrollmentinformation/S_001994).

## **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this bulletin is to advise providers that procedure code E0467 “Multi-Function Ventilator” is being added to the Medical Assistance (MA) Program Fee Schedule effective with dates of service on and after March 1, 2020.

## **SCOPE:**

This bulletin applies to physicians, physician assistants, certified nurse midwives and podiatrists who prescribe home health services, durable medical equipment, appliances and medical supplies, as well as medical suppliers and pharmacies who render services to MA beneficiaries in the Fee-for-Service delivery system. Providers who render services in the managed care delivery system are to address any billing and payment questions with the applicable MA managed care organization.

## **BACKGROUND:**

On March 6, 2020, Governor Wolf declared a public health [emergency](#) in response to the presence of COVID-19 in Pennsylvania. On March 13, 2020, as a result of COVID-19, a nationwide emergency under the Stafford Act was declared.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

The appropriate toll free number for your provider type.

Visit the Office of Medical Assistance Programs Web site at:  
<http://www.dhs.pa.gov/provider/healthcaremedicalassistance/index.htm>.

**DISCUSSION:**

In an effort to get resources to meet urgent patient needs related to COVID-19, the Department of Human Services (Department) is adding procedure code E0467, defined as “home ventilator, multi-functional respiratory device” to the MA Program Fee Schedule effective with dates of service on and after March 1, 2020.

Prior authorization is required for multi-function ventilators that fall under procedure code E0467.

The Department only pays a monthly rental fee for multi-function ventilators that fall under procedure code E0467, and the RR modifier must be used to indicate rental when billing procedure code E0467. Payment for procedure code E0467 is only made to medical suppliers.

Effective with dates of service on and after March 1, 2020, Department is adding procedure code E0467 with the RR modifier to indicate rental to the MA Program Fee Schedule as follows:

<b>Procedure Code</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Unit of Service</b>	<b>Limit</b>	<b>Modifier</b>	<b>Rate</b>
E0467	Home ventilator, multi-functional respiratory device	1	Monthly	RR	\$1051.90

If a provider determines that a backup ventilator is medically necessary for an MA beneficiary, a PE is required. An MA enrolled prescriber may submit a PE request through the 1150 Administrative Waiver process according to the process described in their MA Program Provider Handbook. The MA Program will then make a medical necessity determination and will either approve, approve other than as requested, or deny the PE request based on the submitted documentation and will notify the prescriber, the provider and the beneficiary of the decision. Provider handbooks may be viewed by accessing the Department’s website [here](#).

**PROCEDURE:**

Effective with dates of service on and after March 1, 2020, the Department will pay for multi-function ventilators as noted in the chart above.

Providers must secure prior authorization for multi-function ventilators that fall under procedure code E0467 and bill in accordance with the chart above.

Information on MA Program coverage related to COVID-19, to include an FAQ document, can be found on the Department of Human Services website [here](#).

The Pennsylvania Department of Health has a dedicated page for COVID-19 that provides regular updates. Click [here](#) for the most up to date information regarding COVID-19.