§ 414.224 Customized items.

(a) Criteria for a customized item. To be considered a customized item for payment purposes under paragraph (b) of this section, a covered item (including a wheelchair) must be uniquely constructed or substantially modified for a specific beneficiary according to the description and orders of a physician and be so different from another item used for the same purpose that the two items cannot be grouped together for pricing purposes.

(b) Payment rule. Payment is made on a lump sum basis for the purchase of a customized item based on the carrier’s individual consideration and judgment of a reasonable payment amount for each customized item. The carrier’s individual consideration takes into account written documentation on the costs of the item including at least the cost of labor and materials used in customizing an item.


§ 414.226 Oxygen and oxygen equipment.

(a) Payment rules—(1) Oxygen equipment. Payment for rental of oxygen equipment is made based on a monthly fee schedule amount during the period of medical need, but for no longer than a period of continuous use of 36 months. A period of continuous use is determined under the provisions in §414.230.

(2) Oxygen contents. Payment for purchase of oxygen contents is made based on a monthly fee schedule amount until medical necessity ends.

(b) Monthly fee schedule amount for items furnished prior to 2007. (1) Monthly fee schedule amounts are separately calculated for the following items:

(i) Stationary oxygen equipment and oxygen contents (stationary and portable oxygen contents).

(ii) Portable oxygen equipment only.

(iii) Stationary and portable oxygen contents only.