

Durable Medical Equipment and Loan Closets

Insurance Covered Equipment:

Need doctor's prescription, stating type of equipment and qualifying diagnosis, plus often proof of a recent face-to-face consultation with notes about why equipment medically necessary. Insurance may replace item if older than 5 years and proof it's no longer functioning. Check with the DME company for details.

Equipment that *may* be insurance covered:

Hospital bed:

- Qualifying medical diagnosis, like heart failure (CHF) or lung disease (COPD)
- Face-to-face consultation and certificate of medical necessity, stating need for frequent position change, elevating feet for swelling or head of bed for shortness of breath.

Wheelchair:

- Qualifying diagnosis, face-to-face consultation.
- Non-ambulatory, required for **in-home** mobility, and walker or cane not adequate

Walkers or Canes:

- Qualifying diagnosis

Commodes:

- Patient is confined to room, or bathroom on different level of home than bedroom and unable to access with walker or wheelchair

Oxygen:

- Qualifying diagnosis, like cancer, COPD, CHF and face-to-face consultation with progress notes.
- Oxygen saturation level of 88% or lower for a room air concentrator.

Durable Medical Equipment (DME) companies

Local DME companies that bill insurance and deliver large equipment to home:

Brown's Advanced Care

1015 W. Michigan Ave. **789-7302**

CareLinc

606 E. Michigan Ave **789-9257**

Commet Welcome

4646 Page Ave. **764-0400**

Henry Ford Allegiance Home Medical

700 E. Michigan Ave. **205-8930**

For special order or hard-to-find items, these out-of-town DME's will also bill insurance and deliver to Jackson:

J & B Medical Incontinence Supplies 1-800-737-0045

Wright and Filippis (specializes in Prosthetics and Orthotics)

Lansing

1-517-484-2624

Non-Insurance Covered Medical Equipment

Equipment usually *not* covered by insurance is listed below with general price range. DME companies bill client for these items up-front (“unassigned” category), because insurance is unlikely to cover expense. Consider using **Loan Closets** for non-insurance covered items.

Tub chairs/benches	\$30-100
Grab bars	\$22-50, depending on length
Lift chairs	\$500 and up. DME’s require money up front (“unassigned payment.”) Medicare may cover 80% of the lift mechanism with proof of face-to-face consultation and necessity notes.
Hand-held showers	\$20-50
Toilet raised seats	\$25-100, toilet safety frames \$30-90
Walker with seat	\$60-200 May be covered by Medicare with appropriate diagnosis and if no previous walker within 5 years

Local Loan Closets

for non-insurance covered items:

disAbility Connections

782-6054

409 Linden Ave.

Jackson, MI 49203

Service: Agency rents, or has for purchase, gently used equipment: wheelchairs, tub seats, tub benches, lift chairs, etc. Please call ahead.

Eligibility: No eligibility requirement to access the loan closet.

Fee: Call for information.

Financial help may be available to Jackson County residents- request and complete application.

Jackson County Department on Aging

788-4364

1715 Lansing Ave.

Jackson, MI 49202

Service: Loans walkers, canes, commodes, wheelchairs and tub seats as supply permits.

Eligibility: 60 or older, Jackson resident. For tub seats, seniors with lower incomes served, as supply permits.

Fee: None

St. Luke’s Clinic

783-1117

132 Seymour Ave.

Jackson, MI 49202

Service: loans used medical equipment, as supplies permit. Donations appreciated. Call ahead to check availability.

Hours: Mon and Wed 7:30-9:00 AM, Tues and Thurs 4:00-5:30 PM.

Eaton Community Palliative Care

(517) 543-5310

2675 South Cochran

Charlotte, MI 48813

Service: loans walkers, wheel chairs, grab bars and more. Limited supply, please call in advance to check current stock.

The National Federation of the Blind

410-659-9314

200 E. Wells Street *at Jernigan Place*

Baltimore, MD 21230

Service: Free white cane program. Also maintains Independence Market where clients can shop for long white canes, talking watches & clocks, magnifiers, medical devices, household & kitchen tools, literature and multi-media. Can shop by phone number above.

Email: freecane@nfb.org

Paralyzed Veterans of America/MI Chapter

1-800-638-6782

46701 Commerce Center Drive

ext. 121

Plymouth, MI 48170

Service: loan closet focus on the needs of those with spinal issues to improve mobility but anyone in need in Michigan is eligible. They loan items such as wheel chairs, power chairs, adaptive sports equipment, hoists, and lifts. You do not need to be a veteran but must call for an appointment to pick up items.

Hours of operation: M-F 8:30-4:30