GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Department of Health Care Finance

Office of the Senior Deputy Director and Medicaid Director **Transmittal 26-08 (rev.)**

TO: DC Medicaid and Alliance Providers

FROM: Melisa Byrd, M.B.
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DATE: **March 10, 2026**

SUBJECT: **Prior Authorization (PA) Required for Incontinent Supplies**

Purpose
The purpose of this transmittal is to notify the District of Columbia (DC) Medicaid providers that Transmittal 26-08, issued on March 4, 2026, has been revised to correct HCPCS Coding and clarify the implementation date. Effective May 1, 2026, the incontinent supplies listed below will require Prior Authorization (PA).

Details
The decision to require a PA was made to ensure that DC Medicaid and Health Care Alliance beneficiaries receive the best possible care and timely service. This change will allow DHCF to safeguard against unnecessary utilization of incontinent supplies, consistent with Section 1902(a)(30)(A) of the Social Security Act and 29 DCMR § 997.

Effective March 30, 2026, the Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) will start processing PA requests from DC Medicaid Durable Medical Equipment (DME) providers for the incontinent supplies listed below. The DME Providers shall submit their request to the (QIO) - Comagine Health Inc.

Key Details
- The requests shall include clinical documentation and signed 719A.
- The QIO will authorize the request up to six (6) months.
- The DME providers shall continue to follow the current process for A6250.
- The units for the incontinent supplies listed below will remain at the current level.

The table below provides a listing of incontinent products and Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes affected by the PA requirement.

HCPCS Code	Product Description
T4521	Adult Sized Disposable Incontinence Product Brief/Diaper Small Each
T4522	Adult Sized Disposable Incontinence Product Brief/Diaper Medium Each
T4523	Adult Sized Disposable Incontinence Product Brief/Diaper Large Each
T4524	Adult Sized Disposable Incontinence Product Brief/Diaper Extra Large Each
T4529	Pediatric Sized Disposable Incontinence Product Brief/Diaper Small/Medium Size Each
T4530	Pediatric Sized Disposable Incontinence Product Brief/Diaper Large Size Each
T4535	Disposable Liner/Shield/Guard/Pad/Undergarment/ For Incontinence Each
T4539	Incontinence Product Brief/Diaper Reusable Any Size Each
T4543	Adult Sized Disposable Incontinence Product Protective Brief/Diaper Above Extra Large Each
A4554	Chux

Comagine Health DME Provider Portal Training - Incontinence Supplies
Here are the training webinar registration links:

- Tuesday, March 24, 2026, from 3:00 – 4:00 pm ET: https://comaginehealth.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_j_hStG4sS4ihoFd6xLIVGA
- Thursday, March 26, 2026, from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm ET: https://comaginehealth.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN__-SeKcCzTFGx55Qd6c8sGA

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