

**Upper Peninsula Health Plan MI Health
Link
Utilization Management Criteria for Medical Necessity
for Portable Air Conditioner Unit**

Applicable to the following product lines: Upper Peninsula Health Plan (UPHP) MI Health Link

A portable air conditioner unit is considered medically appropriate if ALL the following are met:

- a.** a provider order or prescription and,
- b.** documentation from the ordering provider documenting need for equipment related to a medical condition(s) that worsens the risk for heat related illness, that it is for home use, and,
- c.** documentation in the member's care plan.

Replacement

Portable air conditioner units can be replaced once every 5 years. Replacement of a portable air conditioner unit prior to 5 years requires prior authorization, and one of the following:

- a.** Proof of theft: Copy of police report with theft details is required.
- b.** Damage related to water, fire, or flood,
 - i.** Copy of police, fire, or insurance report with details of the event is required.
 - ii.** Police, fire, or home report that states details of what caused the event.

Bibliography:

1. Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Minimum Operating Standards for MI Health Link Program and MI Health Link HCBS Waiver, Version 11, 36.1 Appendix 1: Billing and Encounter Procedure Codes, 36.1.3. MI Health Link HCBS Waiver and Supplemental Services, pg. 145, effective February 1, 2023.

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