

Non-Insured Health Benefits Program: Intermittent Catheter Coverage

Effective August 1, 2017, the NIHB Program is changing its frequency guideline for intermittent catheters to a maximum of four (4) catheters per day or 360 catheters per three-months.

For regular intermittent catheters, the Prior Approval (PA) requirement has been lifted. Please note that PA requirements will apply for coverage requests above the frequency guidelines.

For specialized catheters (for example a hydrophilic or Coudé catheter), a new benefit code 99401154 has been created. PAs continue to be required for these items.

Item Description	Item Number	Maximum Quantity	PA Requirement
Regular Intermittent Catheter	99400421	360 per 3 months	No
Specialized Intermittent Catheter	99401154	360 per 3 months	Yes

For additional information, please refer to canada.ca/nihb for the General Benefits List (section 2.6.1 Catheter Supplies and Equipment) under the Medical Supplies and Equipment Benefits, or contact your regional office www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/corporate/contact-us/non-insured-health-benefits.html.