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**SUMMARY OF CHANGE(S):** This change provides clarifying instructions for processing of claims for DME, which is a subset of "DE" for purposes of the TRICARE Basic Program. Claims related to DME (including exclusion of luxury features and pricing methods) apply to DE. This change also clarifies that physicians, dentists, or any TRICARE-authorized allied health care professionals, as described in 32 CFR 199.6(c)(3)(ii), may order or prescribe DE.

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