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**Apria:** (Phone 952-404-1600/Fax 952-404-5493) \*(UCare, Health Partners) Medela pump

**Handi-Medical:** (Phone 651-644-9770/Fax 651-644-0602) \*(Blue Plus, Health Partners, Medica, UCare ) Ameda pump

**Midwest Medical:** (Phone 763-780-0100/Fax 763-780-0420) \*(Health Partners) Medela pump

**Superior Medical:** (Phone: 651-735-9192/Fax 651-7350011) \*(Blue Plus, Health Partners, Medica) Medela pump

**Step 2)** Request should include: name, date of birth, address, phone number, MA policy number, social security number, M.D. name and phone number, Type of Medical Assistance health plan (**see above**) and type of breast pump (**see below**). **\*Make sure you use an equipment provider that takes your insurance.**

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***Breast pump health plan coverage:***

\*All MA plans and MN Care will purchase a personal use double electric breast pump or foot pedal pump (patients keep these pumps) depending on the insurance type and equipment company.

Personal use double electric brands offered are: Medela (Pump-in-Style) or Ameda (Purely Yours) depending on which durable equipment provider the request is sent to.

\*Some medical situations (with a Doctor's request) maybe eligible for short term rental reimbursement of a hospital grade double electric pump. (Separation of mom and baby or other medical related need).

***For a manual hand held pump:***

\*MA participants can pick-up a manual breast pump at a pharmacy with a prescription from the MD. It is recommended to specify Medela, Ameda, or Avent on the prescription to ensure a quality product. Single-side pumps are not effective for returning to work or school.

***For Breastfeeding questions:***

\*If you have questions about use of pumps, storing milk, etc. or do not qualify for a pump through your insurance, Call Colly—Lactation Consultant with the Saint Paul-Ramsey County WIC Program at: (651) 266-1317.

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