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MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT

This tax guide is prepared and published for the information of the general public and all persons in business pursuits who would be required to make payment of Sales Tax or Use Tax under provisions of the City of Fort Collins Sales and Use Tax Code, as well as for the guidance of the City employees whose responsibility it is to collect the taxes imposed by the Tax Code and the enforcement thereof. The following guide is exactly as it says, a GUIDE, and not to be used in any case of law. Please refer to the City of Fort Collins Sales Tax Ordinance for any references to your particular business operation for the official laws imposed by the City.

MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT

The City of Fort Collins Sales and Use Tax Ordinance provides an exemption for medical supplies such as drugs and prosthetic medical and dental appliances when sold for direct use by a patient in accordance with a prescription or other written directive issued by a licensed practitioner of medicine, dentistry or podiatry.

This exemption excludes consumable supply items purchased for use by medical and dental practitioners or medical facilities in providing their services, even if the item is individually packaged for one time use by a patient.

The exemption applies only to items purchased for human consumption. Prosthetic appliances for animal use are taxable.

NOTE: Medical and/or therapeutic devices or equipment are not exempt even if sold with a doctor's prescription. Such items may include elastic knee braces, waterbeds, hot tubs, exercise bicycles, etc.

The following lists are not necessarily exhaustive but are meant only as examples. If you have further questions about the taxability of particular medical supplies, write to: City of Fort Collins Sales Tax Department, P.O. Box 580, 215 N. Mason Street, 2nd Floor, Fort Collins, Colorado 80522, or call 970-221-6780.

MEDICAL SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT		
DESCRIPTION	TAXABLE	EXEMPT
DOCTOR SUPPLIES		
Adhesive tape	X	
Bandages	X	
Casting material	X	
Catheters, non-permanent	X	
Cidex Solution	X	
Disinfectant	X	
Disposable thermometers	X	
Disposable towels	X	
Drape sheets	X	
Dressings	X	
Free samples	X	
Lamino rolls	X	
Latex gloves	X	
Masks	X	

DESCRIPTION	TAXABLE	EXEMPT
Splints	X	
Table paper	X	
Tongue blades	X	
Urine sample cups	X	
X-ray equipment	X	
X-ray film	X	
X-ray supplies	X	
BLOOD OR URINE TESTS		
Blood and urine testing kits (non-diabetic)	X	
Chemstrip		X
Dextrostix		X
Glucostix		X
Hematest	X	
Microstix	X	
Mono Dri Dot Test (Mononucleosis)	X	
Multistix	X	
Pregnancy test	X	
Pregnosticon Test	X	
Rhuemonosticon	X	
PATIENT SUPPLIES (when sold for direct personal use of specific individual)		
Air compressors (respiratory therapy)	X	
Alternating pressure pumps/pads	X	
Apnea monitors	X	
Aspirators and suction equipment	X	
Bath bench	X	
Beds	X	
Beds for neuromuscular ailments		X
Blood and urine testing kits (non-diabetic)	X	
Canes	X	
Catheters, non-permanent	X	
Catheters, permanent		X
Colostomy bags		X
Colostomy sets		X
Colostomy supplies		X
Commodes	X	
Continuous pressure motion machine	X	
CPAPS (adult apnea monitor)	X	
Crutches		X
Dietary supplements	X	
Eggcrated mattresses	X	
Enteral feeding equipment	X	
Enteral formula (at food rate)	X	
Enteral pumps	X	
Gloves	X	
Glucose		X
Glucose monitor supplies		X
Glucose monitors		X
Heel protectors	X	
Ileostomy supplies		X
Incontinent supplies	X	
Infusion pumps	X	

DESCRIPTION	TAXABLE	EXEMPT
Insulin		X
Insulin injecting devices		X
Insulin measuring devices		X
Intermittent pulsating pressure breather	X	
IV poles	X	
IV pump	X	
IV supplies	X	
Liquid oxygen delivery system		X
Nebulizers	X	
Orthotics & fitted inserts		X
Ostomy supplies		X
Overbed tables	X	
Oxygen concentrators		X
Oxygen cylinders		X
Oxygen meters		X
Oxygen, gaseous		X
Oxygen, liquid		X
Patient lifts	X	
Percussors	X	
Pump cassettes	X	
Sodium chloride	X	
Sterile water	X	
Surgical tape	X	
Syringes (insulin syringe exempt)	X	
TENS unit and muscle stiulator	X	
Toilet seat	X	
Tracheostomy supplies		X
Traction	X	
Transfer board	X	
Trapeze	X	
Tubing	X	
Ventilator	X	
Vitamins and vitamin supplements	X	
Walkers	X	
Wheelchair attachments	X	
Wheelchairs		X
HOSPITAL SUPPLIES		
Admission kits	X	
Adult diapers	X	
Alternating pressure pumps/pads	X	
Aspirators	X	
Baby powder	X	
Bandages	X	
Bath oil	X	
Blood pressure equipment	X	
Blood, plasma, blood products and derivatives		X
Boot cradle	X	
Breast pump	X	
Casting material	X	
Catheters	X	
Chapstick	X	

DESCRIPTION	TAXABLE	EXEMPT
Commode pan	X	
Continuous pressure motion machine	X	
Cotton balls	X	
Culturette	X	
Denture brush	X	
Denture powder	X	
Deodorant	X	
Dialysis equipment	X	
Disposable diapers	X	
Disposable pillows	X	
EKG machines and supplies	X	
Elastic bandage	X	
Enema sets	X	
Face mask	X	
Foot cream	X	
Garment bags	X	
Gauze	X	
Heart monitors	X	
Heel protectors	X	
Ice bucket	X	
Icepacks	X	
Intermittent pulsating pressure breather	X	
Linen	X	
Maternity kits	X	
Moisture barrier	X	
Muscle stimulator	X	
Net parts	X	
Oxygen equipment	X	
Pacifier	X	
Pad Geo Mait Cha	X	
Pads altura care	X	
Pressure role	X	
Room deodorizer	X	
Rubber gloves	X	
Sanitary belts	X	
Sanitary pads	X	
Scrub brush	X	
Set feeding drip	X	
Shampoo	X	
Shave cream	X	
Shroud	X	
Skin care lotion	X	
Slippers	X	
Soap	X	
Splints	X	
Sterile gown	X	
Sterile towels	X	
Suction equipment	X	
Swabstick	X	
Tampons	X	
Thermometers	X	

DESCRIPTION	TAXABLE	EXEMPT
Tissues	X	
Tongue blades	X	
Toothpaste	X	
Tuck wipes	X	
Under pads	X	
Urine collector	X	
Ventilator	X	
Washcloths	X	
PROSTHETICS		
Arms, artificial		X
Auditory prosthetic device		X
Breast forms for mastectomy		X
Cardiac prosthetic device		X
Contact lenses, corrective		X
Dental prosthetic device		X
Dentures and dental appliances		X
Eyeglasses, corrective		X
Eyes, artificial		X
Hearing aids and batteries		X
Larynxes, artificial		X
Legs, artificial		X
Ophthalmic or ocular prosthetic device		X
Orthopedic prosthetic devices or appliance		X
Otology implants		X
Pacemakers		X
Shoes, special (prescribed)		X

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Section 25-71 Definitions.
Section 25-73 (c) (9) Exemptions.
Section 25-74 (b) (13) Exemptions.

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