



Health & Human Services

## PULSE OXIMETER AND SUPPLIES

Service Authorization Required - Yes

### DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT MANUAL

COVERAGE AND LIMITATION CRITERIA AND POLICY

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### Indications and limitations of coverage and medical appropriateness:

A tamper-proof pulse oximeter for home use is allowed when **all** the following criteria are met:

- The member has frequently fluctuating oxygen saturation levels that are clinically significant; **and**
- Measurements are integral in dictating acute therapeutic intervention; **and**
- The absence of readily available saturation measurements represents an immediate and demonstrated health risk; **and**
- The member has a caregiver trained to provide whatever care is needed to reverse the low oxygen saturation level ordered by the physician/practitioner.

Coverage allowed if **one** of the following is present:

- Member is dependent on both a ventilator and supplemental oxygen **or**,
- Member has a tracheostomy and is dependent on supplemental oxygen **or**,
- Member requires supplemental oxygen and has unstable saturations **or**,
- Member is on supplemental oxygen and weaning is in process.

### Documentation Requirements:

- A prescription from a prescribing physician/practitioner.
- Physician/practitioner exam within 90 days of the service authorization start date that supports the need.
- Plan of treatment that identifies a trained caregiver is available to perform the testing, document the frequency and the results and implement the appropriate therapeutic intervention, when necessary.

### Non-covered:

Continuous read oximetry meters and any meter used for diagnostic purposes are not covered.



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June 2017	Reviewed and reformatted. Added documentation requirements for clarification.
November 23, 2022	Reviewed and reformatted. Removed “the Division of Medical Assistance Programs (Division) may cover,” and replaced “may be covered” is allowed. Documentation Requirements section bullet two replaced “60” with “90”. Header logo updated with new logo.
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