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Indications and limitations of coverage and medical appropriateness:

The Division of Medical Assistance Programs (Division) may cover a tamper-proof pulse oximeter for home use when **all** of 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 any **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.

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Documentation Requirements:

- A prescription from prescribing physician/practitioner.

- Physician/practitioner exam within sixty 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.