



Health & Human Services

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Service Authorization Required: Yes

CMN Required: No

DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT MANUAL

COVERAGE AND LIMITATION CRITERIA AND POLICIES

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Indications and limitations of coverage appropriateness:

Coverage is allowed if the following conditions are present:

- Severe lung disease or hypoxia-related symptoms that might be expected to improve with oxygen therapy **and**
- The member's blood gas study that meets Medicare coverage criteria.

Portable Oxygen:

- Must meet the above criteria and must be mobile in the home and would benefit from portable oxygen in the home.
- Portable systems are non-covered for members who qualify for oxygen solely based on blood gas studies obtained during sleep.

Oxygen Contents:

- Oxygen contents are included in the allowance for rented oxygen systems. Stationary oxygen contents (E0441, E0442) are separately payable only when the coverage criteria for home oxygen have been met and they are used with a member-owned stationary gaseous or liquid system, respectively. Portable contents (E0443, E0444) are separately payable only when the coverage criteria for home oxygen have been met **and**:
 - The member owns a concentrator and rents or owns a portable system **or**
 - Member rents or owns a portable system with no stationary system (concentrator, gaseous, or liquid).

Accessories/Supplies:

- Accessories, including but not limited to, cannulas ([A4615](#)), tubing ([A4616](#)), mouthpieces ([A4617](#)), face tent ([A4619](#)), masks ([A4620](#), [A7525](#)), humidifiers ([E0555](#)), included in the allowance for rented systems.



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- Rental oxygen systems E0424, E0431, E0434, E0439, E1390RR are eligible for coverage.
- The provider must provide policy-covered accessories/accessories as ordered by the practitioner.
- Use appropriate rental (RR) or purchase (NU) modifiers.
- The service units are to be indicated as one unit per month.
- Travel oxygen—The member is responsible for arranging oxygen during their travels. Medicaid will only pay one DMEPOS provider for oxygen during any rental month.
- Oxygen contents are included in rental stationary systems.
- The portable contents are included in the stationary system reimbursement for the stationary contents.

Documentation Requirements:

- Physician prescription for initial certification and re-certification.
- Current physician exam within 90 days of service authorization start date.



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Date Revised

Revisions

February 2019

Reformatted to the new format.

October 24, 2023

Reviewed and reformatted and added a new department logo. Under the Documentation Requirement section, bullet 2 replaced 60 with 90.

November 29, 2023

Reviewed and reformatted. Documentation Requirement section bullet #3 deleted "is required for month 13 and then yearly". It was changed to re-certification annually.

July 1, 2024

Reformatted and deleted CMN requirement. In the Accessories/Supplies section, added Effective July 1, 2024 (E0700), a thermal fuse (a.k.a. a firebreak) is designed to stop the flow of oxygen if the downstream oxygen tubing is ignited. One brand is Firesafe Cannula Valves, which are intended for in-line installation in oxygen delivery tubing. They can also be fitted at the interface with the oxygen supply equipment. Two units are allowed every six months. See the purchase fee schedule for an assigned reimbursement rate.