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MEDICAID PURCHASING ADMINISTRATION
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To: Oxygen Providers
Inhalation/Respiratory Therapists
Pharmacists
Home Health Agencies
Managed Care Organizations

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Subject: Oxygen Program: Fee Schedule and Coverage Table Updates

Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2011, the Department of Social and Health Services (the Department) will:

- Update the Oxygen Program Fee Schedule using the Year 2011 Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) and Healthcare Common Procedural Coding System (HCPCS) Level II code additions and deletions as discussed in this memo; and
- Update the coverage table in the current *Oxygen Program Billing Instructions*.

Overview

All policies previously published remain the same unless specifically identified as changed by this memo.

Fee Schedule Updates

Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2011, do not use CPT® and HCPCS codes or modifiers that are deleted in the “*Year 2011 CPT*” book and the “*Year 2011 HCPCS*” book.

To view the updated Oxygen Program Fee Schedule, effective January 1, 2011, visit the Department/MPA online at: <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/RBRVS/Index.html>.

Coverage Table Updates

Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2011, the Department will *make* the following changes to the Coverage Table in the current *Oxygen Program Billing Instructions*:

Code Status Indicator	HCPCS Code	Modifier	Description	Do Not Bill With	EPA/PA?	Policy/Comments
	A4606	NU	Oxygen probe for use with oximeter device, replacement.			<p>Purchase only. Limit: 1 non disposable probe per client, every 180 days.</p> <p>Disposable probes require PA.</p> <p>For client-owned oximeter device</p> <p>Effective January 1, 2011</p>
#	E0433		Portable liquid oxygen system, rental; home liquefier used to fill portable liquid oxygen containers, includes portable containers, regulator, flowmeter, humidifier, cannula or mask and tubing, with or without supply reservoir and contents gauge			<p>Effective January 1, 2011</p>

Code Status Indicator	HCPCS Code	Modifier	Description	Do Not Bill With	EPA/PA?	Policy/Comments
P	E0445	RRNU	Oximeter device for measuring blood oxygen levels non-invasively. (Complete with all necessary accessories and supplies)		PA	<p>PA required for clients 18 and older.</p> <p>Rental only.</p> <p>Limit: 1 per client per 30 days.</p> <p>The Department will no longer reimburse pay for the rental of an oximeter. When the client's current oximeter needs to be replaced (please have supporting documentation on file), provide a new oximeter, and bill for the purchase. Purchase limit - one in a 24 month period per client.</p> <p>Effective January 1, 2011</p>

Code Status Indicator	HCPCS Code	Modifier	Description	Do Not Bill With	EPA/PA?	Policy/Comments
P	E0470	RR NU RA	Respiratory assist device, bi-level pressure capability, without backup rate feature, used with noninvasive interface, e.g., nasal or facial mask (intermittent assist device with continuous positive airway pressure device) (ie: BiPAP S).	E0601 E0471 E0472	PA See Policy/Comments	<p>Requires results of sleep study performed in a Department-approved sleep center when prescribed for sleep apnea.</p> <p>Purchase required after maximum of 2 months mandatory rental. Client compliance and effectiveness must be documented prior to purchase. Purchase price is amount allowed after 2 months mandatory rental.</p> <p>Purchase limit: 1 unit per client, every 5 years.</p> <p>Use of RA modifier – the RA modifier allows for the replacement of a BiPAP at the end of the five (5) year limit when the machine is no longer functional and/or not cost effective to repair. This eliminates the two (2) month rental requirement for this situation.</p> <p>Prior authorization (PA) is necessary only if the client does not meet the Medicare clinical criteria, or if a CPAP machine (E0601), or a BiPAP machine (E0470) has been purchased within the last 5 years.</p> <p>Effective January 1, 2011</p>

P	E0471	RR RA	Respiratory assist device, bi-level pressure capability, with backup rate feature, used with noninvasive interface, e.g., nasal or facial mask. (Intermittent assist device with continuous positive airway pressure device).	A4611- A4613 A4616- A4618 E0450 E0460 E0470 E0472E0 601	PA See Policy/Comments	<p>Payment includes all necessary accessories, fittings and tubing.</p> <p>30 days equals 1 unit.</p> <p>Monthly Rental only. Deemed purchased after 13 months of rental</p> <p>Limit: 1 every 30 days. Follow Medicare's coverage criteria</p> <p>Purchase Limit: 1per client every 5 years.</p> <p>Use of RA modifier – the RA modifier allows for the replacement of E0471 at the end of the five (5) year limit when the machine is no longer functional and/or not cost effective to repair. This eliminates the 13 month rental requirement.</p> <p>PA is necessary only if a CPAP machine, E0601, or a BiPAP-S, E0470, has been purchased within the last 5 years.</p> <p>Effective January 1, 2011</p>
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Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2011, the Department will *add* the following procedure codes to the Coverage Table in the current *Oxygen Program Billing Instructions*:

Code Status Indicator	HCPCS Code	Modifier	Description	Do Not Bill With	EPA/PA?	Policy/Comments
N	A4606	RA	Oxygen probe for use with oximeter device, replacement.			Purchase only. Limit: 4 disposable probes per client, every 30 days. For client-owned oximeter device Effective January 1, 2011
	A7020	NU	Interface for cough stimulating device, includes all components, replacement only		PA	Effective January 1, 2011
	A7025	NU	High frequency chest wall oscillation system vest, replacement for use with patient owned equipment, each		PA	Effective January 1, 2011
#	E0446		Topical oxygen delivery system, not otherwise specified, includes all supplies and accessories			Effective January 1, 2011

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To download and print the Department/MPA provider numbered memos and billing instructions, go to the Department/MPA website at: <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov> (click the *Billing Instructions and Numbered Memorandum* link).