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To: Oxygen Providers
Pharmacists
Managed Care Organizations

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Subject: Oxygen Program: Coverage Table Update for Oximeters

Retroactive to dates of service on and after January 1, 2011, the Department of Social and Health Services (the Department) has updated the coverage table in the *Oxygen Program Billing Instructions* by adding:

- Enhanced oximeters; and
- Replacement cables for enhanced oximeters.

Overview

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

Bill the Department your usual and customary charge.

What Has Changed?

Retroactive to dates of service on and after January 1, 2011, the Department covers the following for clients 17 years of age and younger only who are in-home and meet the clinical criteria for oximeters as listed in the published Oxygen Program Billing Instructions:

- Enhanced oximeter, 1 per client, every three years with expedited prior authorization (EPA); and
- Replacement cables for the enhanced oximeter, 2 per client, per year with prior authorization.

Updated Billing Instructions

The Department has updated the coverage table in the Department/MPA *Oxygen Program Billing Instructions* on pages E.43 and E.51. You may view/download the new billing instructions on the Department/MPA web site at <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov> (click the *Billing Instructions and Numbered Memorandum* link).

Billing Reminder

The Department does not assume responsibility for informing providers of national coding rules. The Department denies claims billed in conflict with national coding rules. Please consult the appropriate coding resources.

How Can I Get Department/MPA Provider Documents?

To download and print 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).