

Subject: Durable Medical Equipment: Respiratory Devices

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Disclaimer

Refer to the member's specific benefit plan and Schedule of Benefits to determine coverage. This may not be a benefit on all plans, or the plan may have broader or more limited benefits than those listed in this Medical Policy.

- Items that do not require Prior Authorization are subject to retrospective review and are only covered for the indications listed.
- All Durable Medical Equipment is subject to the limitations and exclusions of the member's specific benefit plan.

Description

Durable Medical Equipment (DME) is defined as equipment which:

- Can withstand repeated use;
- *Effective with respect to items classified as DME after January 1, 2012, has an expected life of at least 3 years;*⁷
- Is primarily and customarily used to serve a medical purpose;
- Generally, is not useful to a person in the absence of illness or injury; and
- Is appropriate for use in a patient's home, at school or at work.

DME can be rented or purchased, depending on the length of time the member will need the equipment, or if there must be frequent and substantial servicing in order to avoid risk to the patient's health. The decision whether to rent or purchase DME is made by Presbyterian Health Plan (PHP).

Other related Durable Medical Equipment (DME) medical policies:

- DME for Diabetic Equipment, MPM 4.4
- DME Miscellaneous, MPM 4.5
- DME for Orthotics and Prosthetics, MPM 4.6
- DME for Rehabilitation and Mobility Devices, MPM 4.2
- Osteogenic Bone Growth Stimulators, MPM 15.1
- Durable Medical Equipment: Positive Airway Pressure (PAP) and Oral Appliances for Treatment of Obstructive Sleep Apnea, MPM 49.1

Coverage Determination

PHP covers Durable Medical Equipment (DME) listed. For ALL Durable Medical Equipment (DME) listed in this MPM, PHP may or may not require Prior Authorization. Log on to Pres Online to verify and/or submit a request: <https://ds.phs.org/preslogin/index.jsp>

Criteria for Respiratory Devices

I. Home Apnea Monitors for Infants:

Prior Authorization/Benefit Certification is not required; claims are subject to retrospective review and are only covered for the indications listed.

For **Commercial** members, Presbyterian uses MCG Criteria # A-0877. Due to contractual restrictions, providers may not access the MCG website but may obtain a copy of the criteria from the Prior Authorization staff for reference, even though a PA is not required.

For Medicaid, PHP follows, [NMAC 8.324.5.12.C.7\(f\)](#) for Apnea.

II. Concurrent Use of Oxygen with PAP Therapy:

Prior Authorization is not required.

Coverage is for Medicare, Medicaid, and Commercial.

PHP follows Oxygen and Oxygen Equipment, LCD ([L33797](#)) and Positive Airway Pressure (PAP) Devices for the Treatment of Obstructive Sleep Apnea, LCD ([L33718](#)). To be considered for simultaneous use of home oxygen and oxygen equipment with a PAP device, all requirements in the “Coverage Indications, Limitations and/or Medical Necessity” sections of both Oxygen and Oxygen Equipment LCD ([L33797](#)) and Positive Airway Pressure (PAP) Devices for the Treatment of Obstructive Sleep Apnea, LCD ([L33718](#)) must be met. See also [MPM 49.1](#).

III. High Frequency Chest Wall Oscillation Devices:

Prior Authorization is required for (code E0483).

Coverage is for Medicare, Medicaid, and Commercial.

PHP follows CGS, LCD ([L33785](#)) High Frequency Chest Wall Oscillation Devices

Coding

The coding listed in this medical policy is for reference only. Covered and non-covered codes are within this list.

HCPCS for Home Apnea Monitors for Infants

HCPCS Codes	DME: Pediatric Home Apnea Monitors description
A4556	Electrodes, per pair
A4557	Lead wires, per pair
E0618	Apnea monitor, without recording feature
E0619	Apnea monitor, with recording feature

HCPCS for Oxygen Equipment

HCPCS Code	Oxygen and Oxygen Equipment/ Accessories for LCD (L33797) & LCA (A52514)
E0424	Stationary compressed gaseous oxygen system, rental; includes container, contents, regulator, flowmeter, humidifier, nebulizer, cannula or mask, and tubing
E0425	Stationary compressed gas system, purchase; includes regulator, flowmeter, humidifier, nebulizer, cannula or mask, and tubing
E0430	Portable gaseous oxygen system, purchase; includes regulator, flowmeter, humidifier, cannula or mask, and tubing
E0431	Portable gaseous oxygen system, rental; includes portable container, regulator, flowmeter, humidifier, cannula or mask, and tubing
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
E0434	Portable liquid oxygen system, rental; includes portable container, supply reservoir, humidifier, flowmeter, refill adaptor, contents gauge, cannula or mask, and tubing
E0435	Portable liquid oxygen system, purchase; includes portable container, supply reservoir, flowmeter, humidifier, contents gauge, cannula or mask, tubing and refill adaptor
E0439	Stationary liquid oxygen system, rental; includes container, contents, regulator, flowmeter, humidifier, nebulizer, cannula or mask, & tubing
E0440	Stationary liquid oxygen system, purchase; includes use of reservoir, contents indicator, regulator, flowmeter, humidifier, nebulizer, cannula or mask, and tubing

HCPCS Code	Oxygen and Oxygen Equipment/ Accessories for LCD (L33797) & LCA (A52514)
E0441	Stationary oxygen contents, gaseous, 1 month's supply = 1 unit
E0442	Stationary oxygen contents, liquid, 1 month's supply = 1 unit
E0443	Portable oxygen contents, gaseous, 1 month's supply = 1 unit
E0444	Portable oxygen contents, liquid, 1 month's supply = 1 unit
E0445	Oximeter device for measuring blood oxygen levels non-invasively
E0446	Topical oxygen delivery system, not otherwise specified, includes all supplies and accessories
E0447	Portable oxygen contents, liquid, 1 month's supply = 1-unit, prescribed amount at rest or nighttime exceeds 4 liters per minute (lpm)
E0467	Home ventilator, multi-function respiratory device, also performs any or all of the additional functions of oxygen concentration, drug nebulization, aspiration, and cough stimulation, includes all accessories, components and supplies for all functions. (E0447, E1405, and E1406 to HCPCS codes included in E0467)
E1390	Oxygen concentrator, single delivery port, capable of delivering 85 percent or greater oxygen concentration at the prescribed flow rate
E1391	Oxygen concentrator, dual delivery port, capable of delivering 85 percent or greater oxygen concentration at the prescribed flow rate, each
E1392	Portable oxygen concentrator, rental
E1405	Oxygen and water vapor enriching system with heated delivery
E1406	Oxygen and water vapor enriching system without heated delivery
K0738	Portable gaseous oxygen system, rental; home compressor used to fill portable oxygen cylinders; includes portable containers, regulator, flowmeter, humidifier, cannula or mask, and tubing
A4606	Oxygen probe for use with oximeter device, replacement
A4608	Transtracheal oxygen catheter, each
A4615	Cannula, nasal
A4616	Tubing (oxygen), per foot
A4617	Mouth piece
A4619	Face tent
A4620	Variable concentration mask
A7525	Tracheostomy mask, each
A9900	Miscellaneous DME supply, accessory, and/or service component of another HCPCS code
E0455	Oxygen tent, excluding croup or pediatric tents
E0555	Humidifier, durable, glass or autoclavable plastic bottle type, for use with regulator or flowmeter
E0580	Nebulizer, durable, glass or autoclavable plastic, bottle type, for use with regulator or flowmeter
E1352	Oxygen accessory, flow regulator capable of positive inspiratory pressure
E1353	Regulator
E1354	Oxygen accessory, wheeled cart for portable cylinder or portable concentrator, any type, replacement only, each
E1355	Stand/rack
E1356	Oxygen accessory, battery pack/cartridge for portable concentrator, any type, replacement only, each
E1357	Oxygen accessory, battery charger for portable concentrator, any type, replacement only, each
E1358	Oxygen accessory, dc power adapter for portable concentrator, any type, replacement only, each

HCPCS Codes	High Frequency Chest Wall Oscillation Devices LCD (L33785), related LCA (A52494)
E0483	High frequency chest wall oscillation system, with full anterior and/or posterior thoracic region receiving simultaneous external oscillation, includes all accessories and supplies, each

Reviewed by / Approval Signatures

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References

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 - a. NCD for Home Oxygen Use to Treat Cluster Headache (240.2.2), retired, see instead, [National Coverage Determination Manual, Ch 1, Part 4, Section 240.2, Subsection D](#) until the [NCD 240.2](#) is updated..
 - b. NCD for Home Use of Oxygen in Approved Clinical Trials (240.2.1).
2. **CMS, LCD for Oximetry Services (L35434)**, effective Date: 10/17/2019, last updated 10/17/2019, R5; related article (A57205), last updated 10/01/2022, R4. *Accessed 09/23/2024*
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11. **CGS, Positive Airway Pressure (PAP) Devices for the Treatment of Obstructive Sleep Apnea**, revision date 09/27/2021, R10. [Cited 09/23/2024]
12. **CGS, LCD (L33785) High Frequency Chest Wall Oscillation Devices**, Revision date 10/01/2022, R10. Related LCA (A52494), Revision date: 05/04/2023, R18. [Cited 09/23/2024]

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09-25-19	Annual Review to update HCPCS and diagnosis. Included Home Ventilator with Noninvasive or Invasive Interfaces from LCD L33800; also added Concurrent Use of Oxygen with PAP Therapy

- 11-18-20 using both LCD L33718 and L33797. Updated all hyperlinks to all LCDs.
 Annual Review. Reviewed by PHP Medical Policy Committee, review completed on 12/09/2020. The following 9 items were reviewed. All links were updated for each item; and each item were updated for which product lines were covered and all items will continue to not require prior authorization.
- Home Apnea Monitors for Infants:
 No longer required to request a PA if the Apnea monitor is needed for additional 6 months.
 Commercial continue to follow MCG A-0877 and Medicaid continues to follow NMAC 8.324.5.12.C.(f).
- Home Oxygen and Oxygen Equipment:
 PHP continues to follow LCD L33797 and NCD (240.2) for Medicare and Commercial and Medicaid continues to follow NMAC Number 8.324.5
- Oxygen for Cluster Type Migraine Headaches:
 Commercial and Medicaid members will now follow MCG A-0343. The old criteria removed and replaced. The use of oxygen for treatment of cluster headache member must be on preventive headache therapy, such as verapamil. Also, participation in the clinical trial for cluster HA will now be for Commercial and Medicaid, not just for Medicare members; and will continue to follow LCD (L33797).
- Portable Oxygen Systems:
 Continue to follow LCD (L33797) or NCD (240.2) for all LOB.
 Relocation and Travel will continue to follow LCA A52514.
 Added two additional codes E0467 and K0739
- Oximetry Services:
 Continue to follow CMS LCD (L35434) and A57205 for all LOBs. Add that electronic monitoring device and oxygen saturation, is for Medicaid only and will follow NMAC 8.324.5.13.D.(2g)
- Respiratory Assist Devices:
 Continue to follow Respiratory Assist Devices LCD L33800 for all LOB.
- Home Ventilator with noninvasive or invasive Interfaces:
 Continue to follow NCD 280.1 and/or LCD L33800 for Ventilators for all LOB. Added home ventilator codes E0465 and E0466.
- Positive Airway Pressure (PAP) Devices for Treatment of OSA
 Continue to follow LCD L33718 for PAP for all LOBs.
- Concurrent Use of Oxygen with Pap Therapy:
 Continue to follow LCD - L33797 or L33718 (which are identical) for all LOB.
- 09-22-21 Annual review. Reviewed by Medical Directors on 09-07-2021. Continue no PA requirement for all nine items. Unrelated codes K0739 and A4575 removed.
- Home Apnea Monitors for Infants:
 Commercial continue to follow MCG A-0877. Medicaid continue to follow NMAC 8.324.5.12.C.(f).
- Home Oxygen and Oxygen Equipment:
 Medicare and Commercial continue to follow LCD L33797 and NCD (240.2). Medicaid continue to follow NMAC Number 8.324.5
- Oxygen for Cluster Type Migraine Headaches:
 Commercial and Medicaid continue to follow MCG A-0343 for treatment of cluster headaches. Medicare, Commercial and Medicaid continue to follow LCD (L33797) for cluster headaches.
- Portable Oxygen Systems:
 Continue to follow LCD (L33797) or NCD (240.2) for all LOB.
- Oximetry Services:
 Continue to follow CMS LCD (L35434) and A57205 for all LOBs. For electronic monitoring device and oxygen saturation, is for Medicaid only and will follow NMAC 8.324.5.13.D.(2g)
- Respiratory Assist Devices:
 Continue to follow Respiratory Assist Devices LCD L33800 for all LOB. Added information on sleep test requirement.
- Home Ventilator with noninvasive or invasive Interfaces:
 Continue to follow NCD 280.1 and/or LCD L33800 for Ventilators for all LOB.
- Positive Airway Pressure (PAP) Devices for Treatment of OSA
 Continue to follow LCD L33718 for PAP for all LOBs.
- Concurrent Use of Oxygen with Pap Therapy:

Continue to follow LCD - L33797 or L33718 (which are identical) for all LOB.
09-28-22 Annual review. Reviewed by Medical Directors on Aug 09, 2022. Continue no PA requirement for all eight items

Home Apnea Monitors for Infants:

Continue to follow MCG A-0877 for commercial. Medicaid continue to follow NMAC 8.324.5.12.C.(f). Continue no PA requirement.

Home Oxygen and Oxygen Equipment:

Medicare and Commercial continue to follow LCD L33797. No longer referencing NCD 240.2 since Novitas mentions home oxygen therapy in L33797. Medicaid continue to follow NMAC Number 8.324.5. Continue no PA requirement.

Oxygen for Cluster Type Migraine Headaches:

Commercial and Medicaid continue to follow MCG A-0343 for treatment of cluster headaches. For Medicare, Commercial and Medicaid continue to follow LCD (L33797). Continue no PA requirement.

Portable Oxygen Systems:

Continue to follow LCD (L33797) for all LOB. NCD 240.2 is removed. Removed criteria language for relocation and travel, and only provide weblink to (LCA A52514). Continue no PA requirement.

Oximetry:

Removed "Service" from title. Add to follow LCD (L33797) and LCA (A52514) for oximeter device and continue to follow CMS LCD (L35434) and A57205 for oximetry services for all LOBs. The coverage determination guideline language removed from policy and reformatted to only include LCD/LCA weblinks. Reformatted to say, "for Medicaid see also NMAC 8.324.5.13.D.(2g)". Continue no PA requirement.

Respiratory Assist Devices:

Continue to follow Respiratory Assist Devices LCD L33800 for all LOB. The coverage determination guideline language removed from policy and reformatted to only include LCD/LCA weblinks. No longer referencing NCD 240.4.1, since same coverage details are mentioned in LCD L33800. Add to see also DME, Positive Airway Pressure (PAP) and Oral Appliances for the Treatment of Obstructive Sleep Apnea, MPM 49.1 for codes E0470, E0471 and E0601. Continue no PA requirement.

Home Ventilator with noninvasive or invasive Interfaces:

Continue to follow the Ventilator section of the LCD L33800 for code E0465, E0466 and E0467. Removed LCA A52467 and now following LCA A52517. The two LCAs are identical thus no change. Removed NCD 280.1 since the same coverage details are outlined in LCD L33800. Continue no PA requirement.

Positive Airway Pressure (PAP) Devices for Treatment of OSA

Removed item from policy, see DME, Positive Airway Pressure (PAP) and Oral Appliances for the Treatment of Obstructive Sleep Apnea, MPM 49.1 developed on 03/23/2022. Continue no PA requirement.

Concurrent Use of Oxygen with Pap Therapy:

Continue to follow LCD - L33797 and L33718 for all LOB. The coverage determination guideline language removed from policy and reformatted to only include LCD/LCA weblinks. Continue no PA requirement.

09-27-23 Throughout policy replaced "Centennial" with "Medicaid".
Annual review. Reviewed by PHP Medical Policy Committee on 07/25 and 07/26/2023. Added the following newly updated language from: 42 CFR §414.202 regarding "DME defined as equipment" "*Effective with respect to items classified as DME after January 1, 2012, has an expected life of at least 3 years;*" found in Durable Medical Equipment Reference List, National Coverage Determination 280.1.

Home Apnea Monitors for Infants: No change. Commercial continue to follow MCG A-0877. Medicaid continues to follow NMAC 8.324.5.12.C.7(f)

Home Oxygen and Oxygen Equipment: No change. Medicare, Medicaid and Commercial continue to follow LCD L33797 and A52514. Correction: Added Medicaid should also be included to follow LCD (L33797), which was erroneously left out. Medicaid continue to follow NMAC Number 8.324.5. Continue no PA requirement. Reformatted to say, "for Medicaid see also NMAC 8.324.5.13.D.(2g)." Added, we follow NCD 240.2.1 for Home Use of Oxygen in approved Clinical Trial. Continue no PA requirement.

Oxygen for Cluster Type Migraine Headaches: Removed the criteria that said to follow MCG A-0343 for treatment cluster headaches therapy. This is removed because it is no longer relevant since Cluster HA is no longer part of a clinical trial. Change: As indicated in the retired NCD Manual 240.2.2

Home Oxygen Use to Treat Cluster Head, effective September 27, 2021, CMS has ended Coverage with Evidence Development (CED), the coverage determinations will be allowed as described in Chapter 1, Section 240.2 (Home Use of Oxygen), Subsection D, of Publication 100-03 of the NCD Manual. For Medicare, Commercial and Medicaid will now follow NCD-240.2, Subsection D. Continue no PA requirement.

Portable Oxygen Systems: No change. Continue to follow LCD (L33797) and related article LCA (A52514) for all LOB. Continue no PA requirement.

Oximetry: For **oximetry testing**, continue to follow LCD (L33797) and related article (A52514) for all LOB. Added the word “testing” to this section which was erroneously left out. The **oximetry services**, continue to follow LCD (L35434) and LCA (A57205). Medicaid will continue to also see NMAC 8.324.5.13.D.(2.g). Continue no PA requirement for codes: 94760, 94761 and 94762.

Respiratory Assist Devices: Continue to follow Respiratory Assist Devices LCD (L33800) and related article LCA (A52517) for all LOB. Added language pertaining to listing of conditions found in LCD, “RAD (E0470, E0471) is covered for one of the following clinical disorders: restrictive thoracic disorders (i.e., neuromuscular diseases or severe thoracic cage abnormalities), severe chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), CSA or CompSA, or hypoventilation syndrome” as described within LCDs (L33800). Added exclusion language found in LCD for E0471 when billed for primary condition of OSA and referenced LCD (L33718). Clarifying language added to separate the devices vs accessories: Updated policy to say RAD devices E0470 and E0471 require PA, since these codes require PA. Also, added the related accessory codes do not require PA.

Home Ventilator with noninvasive or invasive Interfaces: Continue to follow the Ventilator section of the Respiratory Assist Devices, LCD (L33800) and related LCA (A52517) for codes (E0465, E0466 and E0467) for LOB. Correction: removed the wrong title “Positive Airway Pressure (PAP) Devices for the Treatment of OSA” that was linked erroneously to the related policy article (A52517) of LCD (L33800). Continue no PA requirement.

Concurrent Use of Oxygen with Pap Therapy: Continue to follow LCD (L33797) and LCD (L33718) for all LOB. Updated language found in LCD regarding the “simultaneous use of home oxygen and oxygen equipment with a PAP device all requirements found in both LCDs would need to be met.”

Update on 10/25/2023: Added code E0483 to follow CGS, LCD (L33785) High Frequency Chest Wall Oscillation Devices and related LCA (A52494). Code will continue to require PA.

Update on 08/21/2024: Reviewed by PHP Medical Policy Committee on: 05/17/2024. Removed PA requirement for K0739 for ALOB. Repair or non-routine service for durable medical equipment will not require PA.

10-23-24 **Annual review**. Reviewed by PHP Medical Policy Committee on 9/25/2024, 09/27/2024 and 10/2/2024.

The following items have been removed from this policy, as they **do not require a PA**, and are not necessary to list for reference with current NCD/LCD or LCA guidance, or low use and risk of abuse potential:

Oxygen for Cluster Type Migraine Headaches (No change to CPT Codes, as listed also for Oxygen DME services remaining on this policy)

Oximetry: CPT Codes: 94760, 94761 and 94762

Home Ventilator with Noninvasive or Invasive Interfaces: CPT Codes: E0465, E0466 and E0467

Home Oxygen and Oxygen Equipment (See Oxygen codes in table)

Portable Oxygen Systems (See Oxygen codes in table)

The following items will continue on this policy without change, and does not require PA:

Home Apnea Monitors for Infants: CPT Codes: A4556, A4557, E0618 and E0619

Concurrent Use of Oxygen with PAP Therapy (See Oxygen codes in table)

The following item has been removed from the PA due to low cost and high approval rate:

Respiratory Assist Devices (RAD): CPT Codes: E0470, E0471

The following item also appears on MPM 49.1 and will be pulled from this policy to eliminate multiple coverage policies. Please refer to MPM 49.1 for this item:

Respiratory Assist Devices (RAD): CPT Codes: E0470, E0471, A4604, A7027, A7028, A7029, A7030, A7031, A7032, A7033, A7034, A7035, A7036, A7037, A7038, A7039, A7044, A7045, A7046, E0561, E0562

The following item does require a PA, and will continue on this policy without change:

High Frequency Chest Wall Oscillation Devices: CPT Code: E0483

This Medical Policy is intended to represent clinical guidelines describing medical appropriateness and is developed to assist Presbyterian Health Plan and Presbyterian Insurance Company, Inc. (Presbyterian) Health Services staff and Presbyterian medical directors in determination of coverage. The Medical Policy is not a treatment guide and should not be used as such.

For those instances where a member does not meet the criteria described in these guidelines, additional information supporting medical necessity is welcome and may be utilized by the medical director in reviewing the case. Please note that all Presbyterian Medical Policies are available online at: [Click here for Medical Policies](#)

Web links:

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When PHP follows a particular guideline such as LCDs, NCDs, MCG, NCCN etc., for the purposes of determining coverage; it is expected providers maintain or have access to appropriate documentation when requested to support coverage. See the References section to view the source materials used to develop this resource document.