



TO ALL DME PROVIDERS

Effective December 15, 2014, portable oxygen equipment will be reimbursed for members who need continuous oxygen and require portable units while en route to a doctor's office, hospital or medically necessary appointment. Documentation of medical necessity as well as the anticipated number of visits per month needed must be submitted by the member's treating physician with the prior authorization request. Portable systems will not be approved to be used on a standby basis only. Units will be authorized per month based on review of submitted medical justification. An example of justification for refills includes, but is not limited to, multiple weekly visits for radiation or for chemotherapy. For recipients under age 21 only, portable oxygen may be approved when needed for travel to and from school.

All requests for portable oxygen should be submitted using the following procedure codes:

E0430-07 - Portable gaseous oxygen system (rental -includes regulator, flow meter, humidifier, cannula or mask, and tubing)

E0430-09 - Portable gaseous oxygen system (purchase - includes regulator, flow meter, humidifier, cannula or mask, and tubing)

E0443-09 - Portable oxygen contents, gaseous, 1 month's supply = 1 unit