



Chronic Condition Coding Awareness: Supplemental Oxygen

When is oxygen therapy used?

According to the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, doctors use oxygen therapy to treat the following conditions: Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), Heart failure, Pneumonia, Severe asthma, Cystic fibrosis, Sleep apnea.¹

How is oxygen therapy administered?

Oxygen therapy is received from tubes resting in your nose, a face mask, or a tube placed in your trachea, or windpipe. It can be given for a short or long period of time in the hospital, another medical setting, or at home. Oxygen is stored as a gas or liquid in special tanks.¹

Oxygen Supplementation Coding Guidance

TIPS:	ICD-10 Mapping & Education
➤ ICD-10-CM	Z99.81: Dependence on supplemental oxygen Z99.11: Dependence on respirator [ventilator] status Dependence means patient cannot live without it.
➤ Notes	Categories Z89-Z90 and Z98-Z99 ... are for use only if there are no complication or malfunctions of the organ or tissue replaced, the amputation site or the equipment on which the patient is dependent. ²
➤ Z99.81 Dependence on supplemental oxygen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not bill in conjunction with cardiac pacemaker status (Z95.0)² Do not use diagnosis as present on admission (POA).⁷ It is unacceptable as a principal diagnosis for inpatient admission per Medicare Code Edits (MCE).² <p>Code is allowable for any patient using long-term supplemental oxygen, regardless of the duration of use each day.³</p>
➤ Z99.11 Dependence on respirator [ventilator] status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not bill in conjunction with cardiac pacemaker status (Z95.0).² Do not use diagnosis as present on admission (POA).⁷ When placed on hospital claim together with any of the following primary diagnosis codes, it can only be used as NON-CC/NON MCC: J95.850, Z99.0, Z99.12, Z99.81 & Z99.89.² <p>Does not treat a disease or condition. It's used only for life support.⁵</p>
➤ Common HCPCS used for DME	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Claim submissions will always list the medical necessity first, then Z99.81 or Z99.11 as a secondary diagnosis: E0424, E0431, E0434, E0439, E0441, E0442, E0443, E0444, E0445, E0465, E0466, E0470, E0471, E0472, E0481, E0482, E0483, E0484, E1390, K0738 ^{2,6} (not all inclusive)



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DME Suppliers:

Oxygen and respiratory equipment is covered for home use when it is determined to be medically necessary and appropriate and prescribed by the participant's attending physician. ⁴	
Per MO Healthnet:	Home oxygen therapy is covered for participants who meet the Durable medical Equipment (DME) pre-certified medical criteria. DME pre-certification criteria documents may be found at https://dss.mo.gov/mhd/cs/dmeprecert/pdf/oxygen.pdf ⁴
Approval period:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Age 21 and over group 1 per DME precertification: 	Initial – Physician specified length of need up to 12 months. ⁶ Recertification – Physician specified length of need (including lifetime). ⁶
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Age 21 and over Group 2 per DME precertification: 	Initial – Physician specified length of need up to 3 months. ⁶ Recertification – Physician specified length of need up to 3 months. ⁶
Under age 21:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For those meeting coverage criterion 3A of DME precertification: 	Initial – Physician specified length of need up to 12 months. ⁶ Recertification – Physician specified length of need (including lifetime). ⁶
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For those meeting coverage criterion 3B or 3C of DME precertification: 	Physician specified length of need up to 90 days. ⁶

1. <https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health-topics/oxygen-therapy>
2. ICD-10-CM Expert for physicians 2023
3. AHA Coding Clinic, 2002, Q4, Status V codes
4. http://manuals.momed.com/collections/collection_dme/print.pdf (pg195-198)
5. <https://www.ucsfhealth.org/education/the-need-for-supplemental-oxygen>
6. <https://dss.mo.gov/mhd/cs/dmeprecert/pdf/oxygen.pdf>
7. [https://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Health_Statistics/NCHS/Publications/ICD10CM/2022/\(POAexemptCodesApr22\)](https://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Health_Statistics/NCHS/Publications/ICD10CM/2022/(POAexemptCodesApr22))

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➤ **Secure Portal Registration:** If you haven't already do so, please go to www.HomeStateHealth.com to register for our Secure Portal. Functions on the portal include: Verification of eligibility, submission of claims, entering authorizations, viewing patient care gaps, etc. Use of the portal is FREE for all services!

➤ **Electronic Funds Transfer / Electronic Remittance Advice**

- Home State Health Plan partners with PaySpan Health for EFT/ERA services.
- Please register with PaySpan Health at www.payspanhealth.com

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