

## Chapter 8

## Section 10.1

# Oxygen And Oxygen Supplies

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### 1.0 HCPCS PROCEDURE CODES

Level II Codes A4611 - A4629, E0424 - E0480, E1353 - E1399, E1400 - E1406

### 2.0 POLICY

**2.1** Oxygen is a prescription medication and the following benefits may be cost-shared:

**2.1.1** Oxygen and the supplies and equipment related to its administration;

**2.1.2** Oxygen in gas (to include oxygen concentrators) and liquid form;

**2.1.3** Stationary and/or portable oxygen units; and

**2.1.4** Oxygen therapy for migraine and/or cluster headaches.

**2.2** Oxygen concentrators may be purchased or cost-shared on a rental basis. If oxygen concentrators are rented, the **Durable Equipment (DE)/Durable Medical Equipment (DME)** cost-sharing policy will not apply even though the purchase price for this equipment has been reached. Cost-sharing on a rental basis is necessary, as oxygen concentrators require frequent periodic maintenance and frequent checks to ensure that the liter flow setting of the oxygen concentrator has not been altered.

**2.3** If the initial prescription shows an indefinite or lifetime need for oxygen, a new prescription is not required as long as the diagnosis substantiates its continued use.

### 3.0 EXCLUSIONS

The following are not covered:

**3.1** Oxygen (95%) and carbon dioxide (5%) inhalation therapy for inner ear disease. The therapeutic benefit derived from this procedure is not established.

**3.2** The purchasing of maintenance agreements for oxygen equipment.

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