



Revisions to National Coverage Determination (NCD) 240.2 (Home Use of Oxygen) and 240.2.2 (Home Oxygen Use for Cluster Headache)

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Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters Article is for physicians, suppliers, and other providers billing Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services they provide to Medicare patients.

Provider Action Needed

In this Article, you'll learn about:

- Revisions to NCD 240.2, Home Use of Oxygen
- Removal of NCD 240.2.2, Home Oxygen Use for Cluster Headache

Make sure your billing staff knows about these changes.

Background

Change Request (CR) 12607 revises [Section 240.2](#) and [Section 240.2.2](#) of the NCD Manual, Chapter 1, Part 4. It also informs the MACs of the changes associated with these NCDs effective September 27, 2021.

CMS is revising NCD 240.2, Home Use of Oxygen, to expand patient access to oxygen therapy and oxygen equipment in the home, effective for claims with dates of service on or after September 27, 2021. This revised NCD includes 3 Subsections regarding coverage policy:

1. Subsection B: Oxygen therapy and oxygen equipment are nationally covered in the home for acute or chronic conditions, short or long term, when the patient exhibits hypoxemia, as defined in this revised NCD.
2. Subsection C: Oxygen therapy and oxygen equipment are non-covered in the home for four indications described in this revised NCD.
3. Subsection D: MACs may decide that coverage of home oxygen and oxygen equipment is reasonable and necessary for patients with a medical need who aren't exhibiting hypoxemia, as defined in Subsection B of the NCD, and who aren't otherwise precluded by nationally non-covered indications described in Subsection C of the NCD.

We are also removing NCD 240.2.2, Home Oxygen Use to Treat Cluster Headache, which ends coverage with evidence development for cluster headache for claims with dates of service on or after September 27, 2021. In the absence of an NCD, MACs make coverage determinations regarding the use of oxygen therapy and oxygen equipment in the home for patients with cluster headache (as allowed under Subsection D of the revised NCD 240.2).

Medical documentation requirements aren't contained within the revised NCDs. The absence of medical documentation in these revised NCDs doesn't otherwise remove or modify Medicare requirements of the [Certificate of Medical Necessity \(CMN\) Form 484](#) itself or other medical documentation requirements under other existing authorities.

Physicians, suppliers, and other providers should engage their DME MACs regarding submission of claims for oxygen therapy and oxygen equipment in the home. For additional information on corresponding claims processing instructions related to this revised NCD, refer to [Chapter 20, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, & Supplies \(DMEPOS\)](#) of the Claims Processing Manual.

More Information

We issued CR 12607 to your MAC in 2 transmittals. The [first transmittal](#) updates the Medicare Claims Processing Manual. The [second transmittal](#) updates the NCD Manual.

Read MLN Matters Article [SE22002](#) for current information on the CMN.

For more information, [find your MAC's website](#).

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May 16, 2022	We revised the Article to add a link to SE22002 , which has current information on the CMN. All other information is the same.
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