

Oxygen

Question

Answer

A patient can be set up after 30 days of office visit? I thought that they had to be set up and everything within a 30 day period?

The order for the oxygen needs to be written with 30 days of the office visit. The order date is the initial date in section A on the CMN.

Is the RR modifier needed for billing along with KX?

Yes, the KX modifier requirement started for DOS 8/1/2018

If a patient has OSA and can not tolerate CPAP/Bipap and the Dr has ordered oxygen. The patient does not qualify @ rest or during exercise, how can we get this covered?

Oxygen would not be covered. Oxygen is not the primary treatment for OSA.

What is the best way to get Medicare to extend a 484 when 36 calendars have passed but there is not 36 payments -

Add to a narrative section within the claim

Qualifying testing for OSA/NOC we need another diagnosis?

That is correct. OSA has to be resolved so the underlying issue for the oxygen is unmasked. Oxygen is not the primary treatment for home oxygen.

If a patient is being seen in urgent care instead of er, is that considered testing in a chronic stable state?

I would recommend not using it. However, if the doctor can identify the patient is in a chronic stable state and depending on the diagnosis the alternative treatment measure need to be tried or considered and ruled out.

Can you do a date span for the recert?

Oxygen does not require date spanning.

We have received denied audits for testing not being documented in the physician notes.

Testing does not need to be documented within the physician notes unless the physician did the testing. The testing can be performed by an RT, nurse, another clinician where they would document within their progress notes and signing and dating the note.

To clarify, doesn't 36 months have to be paid to begin a new RUL?	The RUL is based on the initial date of service, not the number of months paid. As long as it's been 5 years since the initial date then a new RUL can be started regardless of the number of months paid.
How long after discharge from hospital do we have to set up the patient?	It can be same day of discharge or the next week, it's ultimately up to the patient as long as it doesn't exceed beyond 90 days from the date of the order.
For supporting documentation such as nurses note or RT note, does physician have to sign off on that documentation for it to be considered?	No the physician does not need to sign the nures, RT, PT notes for home oxygen.
If a patient has been treated for OSA and is currently on a CPAP, can an overnight be ran to qualify for O2?	NO. Anytime oxygen is being considered for use at night only to be bled in with CPAP machine, the only way (no exceptions to this rule) is for the patient go the sleep lab.
on a hospital discharge with COPD as DX and O2 ordered, will it be covered if there were no nebs/inhalers done in hospital stay?...because "alternative treatments have not been tried.	The rule states tried OR considered and ruled out. So if the alternative treatments have not been tried, then the doctor needs to rule the alternative treatments out by documenting in the medical records why they will not be effective for the patient.
is the date you get on an order for O2 or even CPAP can you use that on your CMN as the initial date	Correct, the date of the order that the supplier received is the date used on the CMN for the initial date in section A on oxygen, or the order date on a DWO for the CPAP.
What if a pt was on O2 @ HS for some time, and now the pt has OSA and they are adding CPAP to the O2. Do they need an in-lab PSG to document the continued need for the O2?	Yes.
If the patient is in an acute state at the physician visit within 90 days for a Recert CMN, is this valid or will they need to have a new office visit?	This is valid. The recert is to evaluate the patient for continued need and benefits for oxygen. The criteria for acute condition relates to initial setup.

For Recert CMN O2 SAT office visit not qualifying.. LCD
says to use more recent qualifying

Recerts do not require a new qualifying test.
