Local Coverage Determination (LCD): Respiratory Therapy (Respiratory Care) (L31593)

Contractor Information

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LCD Information

Document Information

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CMS National Coverage Policy

Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, §1833(e) prohibits Medicare payment for any claim which lacks the necessary information to process the claim.

Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, §1861(cc)(1) discusses CORF facility services.

Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, §1861(s)(2)(B) provides coverage of services incident to physicians services furnished to hospital patients.

Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, §1862(a)(1)(A) allows coverage and payment for only those services that are considered to be reasonable and necessary for the diagnosis or treatment of illness or injury or to improve the functioning of a malformed body member.

42 CFR §485.70-CORF personnel qualifications- lists qualifications for respiratory therapists.

Federal Register: December 31, 2002 (Volume 67, Number 251) p 79999-80000 Final rule revisions to payment policies specific to G0237-G0239

CMS Manual System, Pub 100-02, Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, Chapter 6, §§20.4-20.4.1

CMS Manual System, Pub 100-02, Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, Chapter 8, §50.8.2
Coverage Guidance

Coverage Indications, Limitations, and/or Medical Necessity

Respiratory therapy (respiratory care) is defined as those services prescribed by a physician or a non-physician practitioner for the assessment and diagnostic evaluation, treatment, management, and monitoring of patients with deficiencies and abnormalities of cardiopulmonary function.

Monitoring is defined as the periodic checking of the equipment in actual use to ascertain proper functioning; real time tracking the individual's condition to assure that he/she is receiving effective respiratory therapy services; and periodic evaluation of the patient's progress in improvement of function.

Respiratory therapy (respiratory care) services may include but are not limited to the following:

- application techniques to support oxygenation and ventilation in an acute illness (e.g. establish/maintain artificial airway, ventilatory therapy, precise delivery of oxygen concentrations, aid in removal of secretions from pulmonary tree)

- therapeutic use/monitoring of medicinal gases, pharmacologically active mists and aerosols, and equipment (e.g., resuscitators, ventilators)

- bronchial hygiene therapy (e.g. deep breathing, coughing exercises, IPPB, postural drainage, chest percussion/vibration, and nasotracheal/endotracheal suctioning)

- diagnostic tests for evaluation by a physician (e.g. pulmonary function test, spirometry, and blood gas analyses)

- pulmonary rehabilitation techniques (e.g. exercise conditioning, breathing retraining, and patient education regarding management of patient's respiratory problems) and

- periodic assessment of the patient for the effectiveness of respiratory therapy services.

The above services may be performed by respiratory therapists, physical therapists, nurses, and other qualified personnel as described by relevant state practice acts. Documentation in the medical record must clearly support the need for respiratory therapy services to be separately reimbursed.

Respiratory therapy (respiratory care) services can be considered reasonable and necessary for the diagnosis and treatment of a specific illness or injury. The service provided must be consistent with the severity of the patient's documented illness and must be reasonable in terms of modality, amount, frequency, and duration of treatment. The treatment must be generally accepted by the professional community as safe and effective for the purpose used, and recognized standards of care should not be violated.
There must be a specific written order by the physician for all respiratory therapy (respiratory care) services.

Medicare coverage of respiratory therapy (respiratory care) provided as outpatient hospital or extended care services depends on the determination by the attending physician (as part of his/her plan of treatment) that for the safe and effective administration of such services the procedures or exercises in question need to be performed by a respiratory therapist. In addition, Medicare may cover postural drainage and pulmonary exercises furnished by a respiratory therapist as incident to a physician's professional service. In order to be considered for reimbursement by Medicare, respiratory therapy services must be fully documented in the medical records. The documentation must clearly indicate that the services rendered were reasonable and medically necessary and required the skills of a licensed respiratory therapist.

Instructing a patient in the use of equipment, breathing exercises, etc. may be considered reasonable and necessary for the treatment of the patient's condition and can usually be given to a patient during the course of treatment by any of the health personnel involved, (e.g., physician, nurse, respiratory care practitioner or other qualified personnel). These educational instructions are bundled into the covered service and separate payment is not made. Separate billing for one-on-one education is rarely necessary and is usually only reasonable at the start of the treatment plan. Initially, for outpatient care where a series of visits providers "...an individualized physical conditioning and exercise program using proper breathing techniques..." separate billing for one-on-one intervention is both reasonable and necessary. Provision of more information than is ordinarily provided during the course of a treatment (e.g., extensive theoretical background in the pathology, etiology, and physiological effects of the disease) is not considered reasonable and necessary. Group sessions that only offer generalized (i.e., non-individualized) education and training are not covered.

Therapeutic procedures (G0237 through G0239) with an individualized physical conditioning and exercise program using proper breathing techniques can be considered for a patient with activity limitations. Breathing retraining, energy conservation, and relaxation techniques are often used. Ventilatory muscle training (VMT) may be considered reasonable and necessary in a very select population of pulmonary patients who demonstrate significantly decreased respiratory muscle strength and who remain symptomatic despite optimal therapy. Routine exercise, or any exercise, without a documented need for skilled care, is not covered.

Coding Information

Bill Type Codes:

Contractors may specify Bill Types to help providers identify those Bill Types typically used to report this service. Absence of a Bill Type does not guarantee that the policy does not apply to that Bill Type. Complete absence of all Bill Types indicates that coverage is not influenced by Bill Type and the policy should be assumed to apply equally to all claims.

012x Hospital Inpatient (Medicare Part B only)
013x Hospital Outpatient
018x Hospital - Swing Beds
021x Skilled Nursing - Inpatient (Including Medicare Part A)
022x Skilled Nursing - Inpatient (Medicare Part B only)
023x Skilled Nursing - Outpatient
071x Clinic - Rural Health
074x Clinic - Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility (ORF)
075x Clinic - Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility (CORF)
077x Clinic - Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)
085x Critical Access Hospital

Revenue Codes:

Contractors may specify Revenue Codes to help providers identify those Revenue Codes typically used to report this service. In most instances Revenue Codes are purely advisory; unless specified in the policy services reported under other Revenue Codes are equally subject to this coverage determination. Complete absence of all Revenue Codes indicates that coverage is not influenced by Revenue Code and the policy should be assumed to apply equally to all Revenue Codes.
Group 1 Paragraph: N/A

Group 1 Codes:
31500 Insert emergency airway
31502 Change of windpipe airway
31720 Clearance of airways
92950 Heart/lung resuscitation cpr
94002 Vent mgmt inpat init day
94003 Vent mgmt inpat subq day
94004 Vent mgmt nf per day
94010 Breathing capacity test
94011 Spirometry up to 2 yrs old
94012 Spirmtry w/brnchdil inf-2 yr
94013 Meas lung vol thru 2 yrs
94060 Evaluation of wheezing
94070 Evaluation of wheezing
94150 Vital capacity test
94200 Lung function test (MBC/MVV)
94250 Expired gas collection
94375 Respiratory flow volume loop
94400 CO₂ breathing response curve
94450 Hypoxia response curve
94620 Pulmonary stress test/simple
94621 Pulm stress test/complex
94640 Airway inhalation treatment
94642 Aerosol inhalation treatment
94660 Pos airway pressure cpap
94662 Neg press ventilation cnp
94664 Evaluate pt use of inhaler
94667 Chest wall manipulation
94668 Chest wall manipulation
94669 Mechanical chest wall oscill
94726 Pulm funct tst plethysmograp
94727 Pulm function test by gas
94728 Pulm funct test oscillometry
94729 Co/membrane diffuse capacity
94750 Pulmonary compliance study
94772 Breath recording infant
ICD-9 Codes that Support Medical Necessity

**Group 1 Paragraph:** N/A

**Group 1 Codes:**

010.01 - 010.06<br>PRIMARY TUBERCULOUS COMPLEX BACTERIOLOGICAL OR HISTOLOGICAL EXAMINATION NOT DONE - PRIMARY TUBERCULOUS COMPLEX TUBERCLE BACILLI NOT FOUND BY BACTERIOLOGICAL OR HISTOLOGICAL EXAMINATION BUT TUBERCULOSIS CONFIRMED BY OTHER METHODS (INOCULATION OF ANIMALS)

010.11 - 010.16<br>TUBERCULOUS PLEURISY IN PRIMARY PROGRESSIVE TUBERCULOSIS BACTERIOLOGICAL OR HISTOLOGICAL EXAMINATION NOT DONE - TUBERCULOUS PLEURISY IN PRIMARY PROGRESSIVE TUBERCULOSIS TUBERCLE BACILLI NOT FOUND BY BACTERIOLOGICAL OR HISTOLOGICAL EXAMINATION BUT TUBERCULOSIS CONFIRMED BY OTHER METHODS (INOCULATION OF ANIMALS)

010.80 - 010.86<br>OTHER PRIMARY PROGRESSIVE TUBERCULOSIS CONFIRMATION UNSPECIFIED - OTHER PRIMARY PROGRESSIVE TUBERCULOSIS TUBERCLE BACILLI NOT FOUND BY BACTERIOLOGICAL OR HISTOLOGICAL EXAMINATION BUT TUBERCULOSIS CONFIRMED BY OTHER METHODS (INOCULATION OF ANIMALS)

011.00 - 011.96<br>TUBERCULOSIS OF LUNG INFILTRATIVE CONFIRMATION UNSPECIFIED - UNSPECIFIED PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS TUBERCLE BACILLI NOT FOUND BY BACTERIOLOGICAL OR HISTOLOGICAL EXAMINATION BUT TUBERCULOSIS CONFIRMED BY OTHER METHODS (INOCULATION OF ANIMALS)

012.01 - 012.06<br>TUBERCULOUS PLEURISY BACTERIOLOGICAL OR HISTOLOGICAL EXAMINATION NOT DONE - TUBERCULOUS PLEURISY TUBERCLE BACILLI NOT FOUND BY BACTERIOLOGICAL OR HISTOLOGICAL EXAMINATION BUT TUBERCULOSIS CONFIRMED BY OTHER METHODS (INOCULATION OF ANIMALS)

012.21 - 012.26<br>ISOLATED TRACHEAL OR BRONCHIAL TUBERCULOSIS BACTERIOLOGICAL OR HISTOLOGICAL EXAMINATION NOT DONE - ISOLATED TRACHEAL OR BRONCHIAL TUBERCULOSIS TUBERCLE BACILLI NOT FOUND BY BACTERIOLOGICAL OR HISTOLOGICAL EXAMINATION BUT TUBERCULOSIS CONFIRMED BY OTHER METHODS (INOCULATION OF ANIMALS)

012.31 - 012.36<br>TUBERCULOUS LARYNGITIS BACTERIOLOGICAL OR HISTOLOGICAL EXAMINATION NOT DONE - TUBERCULOUS LARYNGITIS TUBERCLE BACILLI NOT FOUND BY BACTERIOLOGICAL OR HISTOLOGICAL EXAMINATION BUT TUBERCULOSIS CONFIRMED BY OTHER METHODS (INOCULATION OF ANIMALS)

012.81 - 012.86<br>OTHER SPECIFIED RESPIRATORY TUBERCULOSIS BACTERIOLOGICAL OR HISTOLOGICAL EXAMINATION NOT DONE - OTHER SPECIFIED RESPIRATORY TUBERCULOSIS TUBERCLE BACILLI NOT FOUND BY BACTERIOLOGICAL OR HISTOLOGICAL EXAMINATION BUT TUBERCULOSIS CONFIRMED BY OTHER METHODS (INOCULATION OF ANIMALS)

020.2 - 020.5<br>SEPTICEMIC PLAGUE - PNEUMONIC PLAGUE UNSPECIFIED

022.1<br>PULMONARY ANTHRAX

031.0<br>PULMONARY DISEASES DUE TO OTHER MYCOBACTERIA

032.3<br>LARYNGEAL DIPHTHERIA

033.0 - 033.9<br>WHOOPING COUGH DUE TO BORDETELLA PERTUSSIS (B. PERTUSSIS) - WHOOPING COUGH UNSPECIFIED ORGANISM

039.1<br>PULMONARY ACTINOMYCOTIC INFECTION

042<br>HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV) DISEASE

052.1<br>VARICELLA (HEMORRHAGIC) PNEUMONITIS

055.1<br>POSTMEASLES PNEUMONIA

073.0<br>ORNITHOSIS WITH PNEUMONIA

081.2<br>SCRUB TYPHUS

083.0<br>Q FEVER

095.1<br>SYPHILIS OF LUNG

112.4<br>CANDIDIASIS OF LUNG

114.0<br>PRIMARY COCCIDIOIDOMYCOSIS (PULMONARY)
CHRONIC PULMONARY COCCIDIOIDOMYCOSIS - PULMONARY COCCIDIOIDOMYCOSIS

HISTOPLASMA CAPSULATUM PNEUMONIA
HISTOPLASMA DUBOISII PNEUMONIA
HISTOPLASMOSIS PNEUMONIA UNSPECIFIED
ASPERGILLOSIS
CRYPTOCOCCOSIS
PNEUMONITIS DUE TO TOXOPLASMOSIS
SARCIOIDOSIS
PNEUMOCYSTOSIS
MALIGNANT NEOPLASM OF TRACHEA - MALIGNANT NEOPLASM OF OTHER PARTS OF BRONCHUS OR LUNG
MALIGNANT NEOPLASM OF PARIETAL PLEURA - MALIGNANT NEOPLASM OF PLEURA UNSPECIFIED
MALIGNANT NEOPLASM OF OTHER SITES WITHIN THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM AND INTRATHORACIC ORGANS
KAPOSI'S SARCOMA LUNG
MALIGNANT NEOPLASM OF OTHER SPECIFIED SITES
SECONDARY MALIGNANT NEOPLASM OF LUNG - SECONDARY MALIGNANT NEOPLASM OF OTHER RESPIRATORY ORGANS
BENIGN NEOPLASM OF NASAL CAVITIES MIDDLE EAR AND ACCESSORY SINUSES - BENIGN NEOPLASM OF MEDIASTINUM
CARCINOMA IN SITU OF LARYNX - CARCINOMA IN SITU OF OTHER SPECIFIED PARTS OF RESPIRATORY SYSTEM
NEOPLASM OF UNCERTAIN BEHAVIOR OF TRACHEA BRONCHUS AND LUNG - NEOPLASM OF UNCERTAIN BEHAVIOR OF PLEURA THYMUS AND MEDIASTINUM
ALPHA-1-ANTITRYPSIN DEFICIENCY
ACIDOSIS
ALKALOSIS
CYSTIC FIBROSIS WITHOUT MECONIUM ILEUS - CYSTIC FIBROSIS WITH MECONIUM ILEUS
CYSTIC FIBROSIS WITH PULMONARY MANIFESTATIONS
CYSTIC FIBROSIS WITH GASTROINTESTINAL MANIFESTATIONS
CYSTIC FIBROSIS WITH OTHER MANIFESTATIONS
AMYLOIDOSIS, UNSPECIFIED - OTHER AMYLOIDOSIS
OTHER DEFICIENCIES OF CIRCULATING ENZYMES
TUMOR LYSIS SYNDROME
OBESITY HYPOVENTILATION SYNDROME
AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS
LAMBERT-EATON SYNDROME, UNSPECIFIED
LAMBERT-EATON SYNDROME IN NEOPLASTIC DISEASE
LAMBERT-EATON SYNDROME IN OTHER DISEASES CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE
INCLUSION BODY MYOSITIS
OTHER INFLAMMATORY AND IMMUNE MYOPATHIES, NEC
ACUTE COR PULMONALE
IATROGENIC PULMONARY EMBOLISM AND INFARCTION
SEPTIC PULMONARY EMBOLISM
SADDLE EMBOLUS OF PULMONARY ARTERY
OTHER PULMONARY EMBOLISM AND INFARCTION
PRIMARY PULMONARY HYPERTENSION
KYPHOSCOLIOTIC HEART DISEASE
CHRONIC PULMONARY EMBOLISM
OTHER CHRONIC PULMONARY HEART DISEASES

ARTERIOVENOUS FISTULA OF PULMONARY VESSELS

OTHER SPECIFIED DISEASES OF PULMONARY CIRCULATION

PULMONARY VALVE DISORDERS

CARDIAC ARREST

CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE UNSPECIFIED - HEART FAILURE UNSPECIFIED

ACUTE TRACHEITIS WITHOUT OBSTRUCTION - CROUP

ACUTE LARYNGOPHARYNGITIS

ACUTE BRONCHITIS - ACUTE BRONCIOLITIS DUE TO OTHER INFECTIOUS ORGANISMS

CHRONIC LARYNGOTRACHEITIS

UNSPECIFIED PARALYSIS OF VOCAL CORTDS - COMPLETE BILATERAL PARALYSIS OF VOCAL CORDS

EDEMA OF LARYNX

UNSPECIFIED DISEASE OF LARYNX - LARYNGEAL SPASM

OTHER DISEASES OF LARYNX

UPPER RESPIRATORY TRACT HYPERSENSITIVITY REACTION SITE UNSPECIFIED

OTHER AND UNSPECIFIED DISEASES OF UPPER RESPIRATORY TRACT

PNEUMONIA DUE TO ADENOVIRUS

PNEUMONIA DUE TO RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS

PNEUMOCOCCAL PNEUMONIA [STREPTOCOCCUS PNEUMONIAE PNEUMONIA]

PNEUMONIA DUE TO STREPTOCOCCUS UNSPECIFIED - PNEUMONIA DUE TO OTHER STREPTOCOCCUS

PNEUMONIA DUE TO STAPHYLOCOCCUS UNSPECIFIED

METHICILLIN SUSCEPTIBLE PNEUMONIA DUE TO STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS

METHICILLIN RESISTANT PNEUMONIA DUE TO STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS

OTHER STAPHYLOCOCCUS PNEUMONIA

PNEUMONIA DUE TO MYCOPLASMA PNEUMONIAE - PNEUMONIA DUE TO CHLAMYDIA

PNEUMONIA IN CYTOMEGALIC INCLUSION DISEASE - PNEUMONIA IN OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE

BRONCHOPNEUMONIA ORGANISM UNSPECIFIED

PNEUMONIA ORGANISM UNSPECIFIED

INFLUENZA WITH PNEUMONIA

INFLUENZA WITH OTHER RESPIRATORY MANIFESTATIONS

INFLUENZA DUE TO IDENTIFIED AVIAN INFLUENZA VIRUS WITH PNEUMONIA

INFLUENZA DUE TO IDENTIFIED AVIAN INFLUENZA VIRUS WITH OTHER RESPIRATORY MANIFESTATIONS

INFLUENZA DUE TO IDENTIFIED AVIAN INFLUENZA VIRUS WITH OTHER MANIFESTATIONS

INFLUENZA DUE TO IDENTIFIED 2009 H1N1 INFLUENZA VIRUS WITH PNEUMONIA

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INFLUENZA DUE TO IDENTIFIED NOVEL INFLUENZA A VIRUS WITH OTHER RESPIRATORY MANIFESTATIONS

INFLUENZA DUE TO IDENTIFIED NOVEL INFLUENZA A VIRUS WITH OTHER MANIFESTATIONS

BRONCHITIS NOT SPECIFIED AS ACUTE OR CHRONIC

SIMPLE CHRONIC BRONCHITIS - OTHER CHRONIC BRONCHITIS
EMPHYSEMATOUS BLEB - OTHER EMPHYSEMA

EXTRANSPORTASTMA UNSPECIFIED - ASTHMA UNSPECIFIED WITH (ACUTE) EXACERBATION

BRONCHIECTASIS WITHOUT ACUTE EXACERBATION - BRONCHIECTASIS WITH ACUTE EXACERBATION

CHRONIC AIRWAY OBSTRUCTION NOT ELSEWHERE CLASSIFIED

COAL WORKERS' PNEUMOCONIOSIS

ASBESTOSIS

PNEUMOCONIOSIS DUE TO OTHER SILICA OR SILICATES

PNEUMOCONIOSIS DUE TO OTHER INORGANIC DUST

PNEUMONOPATHY DUE TO INHALATION OF OTHER DUST

PNEUMOCONIOSIS UNSPECIFIED

BRONCHITIS AND PNEUMONITIS DUE TO FUMES AND VAPORS - CHRONIC RESPIRATORY CONDITIONS DUE TO FUMES AND VAPORS

PNEUMONITIS DUE TO INHALATION OF FOOD OR VOMITUS - PNEUMONITIS DUE TO OTHER SOLIDS AND LIQUIDS

ACUTE PULMONARY MANIFESTATIONS DUE TO RADIATION

CHRONIC AND OTHER PULMONARY MANIFESTATIONS DUE TO RADIATION

RESPIRATORY CONDITIONS DUE TO SMOKE INHALATION

RESPIRATORY CONDITIONS DUE TO OTHER SPECIFIED EXTERNAL AGENTS

RESPIRATORY CONDITIONS DUE TO UNSPECIFIED EXTERNAL AGENT

EMPYEMA WITH FISTULA - EMPYEMA WITHOUT FISTULA

PLEURISY WITHOUT EFFUSION OR CURRENT TUBERCULOSIS

PLEURISY WITH EFFUSION WITH A BACTERIAL CAUSE OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS

MALIGNANT PLEURAL EFFUSION

OTHER SPECIFIED FORMS OF EFFUSION, EXCEPT TUBERCULOUS

SPONTANEOUS TENSION PNEUMOTHORAX

IATROGENIC PNEUMOTHORAX

POSTOPERATIVE AIR LEAK

PRIMARY SPONTANEOUS PNEUMOTHORAX

SECONDARY SPONTANEOUS PNEUMOTHORAX

CHRONIC PNEUMOTHORAX

OTHER AIR LEAK

OTHER PNEUMOTHORAX

ABSCESS OF LUNG - ABSCESS OF MEDIASTINUM

PULMONARY CONGESTION AND HYPOSTASIS

POSTINFLAMMATORY PULMONARY FIBROSIS

PULMONARY ALVEOLAR PROTEINOSIS

IDIOPATHIC PULMONARY HEMOSIDEROSIS

PULMONARY ALVEOLAR MICROLITHIASIS

IDIOPATHIC INTERSTITIAL PNEUMONIA, NOT OTHERWISE SPECIFIED

IDIOPATHIC PULMONARY FIBROSIS

IDIOPATHIC NON-SPECIFIC INTERSTITIAL PNEUMONITIS

ACUTE INTERSTITIAL PNEUMONITIS

RESPIRATORY BRONCHIOLITIS INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE

IDIOPATHIC LYMPHOID INTERSTITIAL PNEUMONIA

CRYPTOGENIC ORGANIZING PNEUMONIA

DESQUAMATIVE INTERSTITIAL PNEUMONIA
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518.53 ACUTE AND CHRONIC RESPIRATORY FAILURE FOLLOWING TRAUMA AND SURGERY
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TRACHEOSTOMY COMPLICATION UNSPECIFIED - OTHER DISEASES OF RESPIRATORY SYSTEM NOT ELSEWHERE CLASSIFIED

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793.11 SOLITARY PULMONARY NODULE
793.19 OTHER NONSPECIFIC ABNORMAL FINDING OF LUNG FIELD
General Information

Associated Information

Documentation Requirements

A physician order for all respiratory therapy intervention/service must be recorded in the patient's medical record. The order must clearly indicate the evaluation or treatment to be performed, the specific modality and duration of all aspects of the treatment, including frequency of monitoring.

Documentation by the physician must indicate the cardiopulmonary diagnosis supporting the medical necessity of the service.

Documentation must be present in the respiratory services records to show:

- the plan of treatment and progress toward measurable goals
- that the care rendered was appropriately delivered by a qualified practitioner. As previously noted, the above services may be performed by respiratory therapists, physical therapists, nurses, and other qualified personnel
Other qualified personnel may include occupational therapists. Therapeutic procedures whose principle aim is to treat a respiratory impairment should be identified using the G0237-G0239 series of codes. CPT codes 97000 to 97799 are not to be billed by professionals involved in treating respiratory conditions, unless these services are delivered by physical or occupational therapists and meet the other requirements for physical and occupational therapy services.

**CORF social and/or psychological services do not include services for mental health diagnoses. Social and/or psychological services are covered only if the patient's physician or the CORF physician establishes that the services directly relate to the patient's rehabilitation plan of treatment and are needed to achieve the goals in the rehabilitation plan of treatment. Social and/or psychological services are those services that address the patient's response and adjustment to the rehabilitation treatment plan: rate of improvement and progress towards the rehabilitation goals, or other services as they directly relate to the respiratory therapy (respiratory care) plan of treatment being provided to the patient.**

Documentation supporting the medical necessity should be legible, maintained in the patient's medical record, and must be made available to the A/B MAC upon request.

Sources of Information and Basis for Decision
American Association of Respiratory Care (AARC) website www.aarc.org information about accredited respiratory care programs and online CRCE (continuing respiratory care education).


Mahler DA, Fierro-Carrion G, Baird JC. Evaluation of dyspnea in the elderly. *Clinics in Geriatric Medicine*. February 2003; 19(1):19-33. Describes that the prevalence of dyspnea in the elderly could be as high as 38% and raises the question of how much of this is related to obesity and deconditioning as opposed to actual pulmonary impairments.


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• Revisions Due To ICD-9-CM Code Changes
Revision #6, 01/01/2013
Under CMS National Coverage Policy CPT code 94729 had a description change. This revision becomes effective on 01/01/2013

Revision #5, 11/01/2012
Under CMS National Coverage Policy the following manual citations were added: CMS Manual System, Pub 100-02, Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, Chapter 12, §§10, 20, 20.1, 30, and 30.1. The following two change requests were removed as they have been manualized: CMS Manual System, Pub 100-03, Medicare National Coverage Determinations, Transmittal 78, dated December 5, 2007, Change Request 5834 and CMS Manual System, Pub 100-02, Medicare Benefit Policy, Transmittal 111, dated September 25, 2009, Change Request 6005. Under Indications and Limitations of Coverage and/or Medical Necessity next to last paragraph added the following verbiage: “These educational instructions are bundled into the covered service and separate payment is not made.” And “Initially, for outpatient care where a series of visits providers "...an individualized physical conditioning and exercise program using proper breathing techniques..." separate billing for one-on-one intervention is both reasonable and necessary.” Under Documentation Requirements deleted the reference to the Palmetto GBA Physical and Occupational Therapy LCDs. The word "Intermediary" was changed to "A/B MAC." Under Sources of Information and Basis for Decision deleted the following citation: South Carolina Society for Respiratory Care website www.scsr.com the state branch of the AARC, gives history and mission. This revision becomes effective 11/01/12.

Revision #4, 06/07/2012
This revision is to correct revision #3. CPT codes that were added were 94726, 94727, 94728 and 94729 NOT 97426, 97427, 97428 and 97429. Also CPT code 94720 is a deleted code. This revision was corrected on 01/20/2012.

Revision #3, 01/01/2012
Addition of 97426, 97427, 97428, and 97429 to the CPT/HCPCS code section. Deletion of 94240, 94260, 94350, 94360, 94370, 94725 previously listed in the CPT/HCPCS code section. Additions and deletions due to CPT/HCPCS annual update and code description changes – CR 7540. This revision becomes effective 01/01/2012.

Revision #2, 10/01/2011
Under CMS National Coverage Policy the following citation was updated to add §20.2 to the citation, CMS Manual System, Pub 100-02, Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, Chapter 12. Under ICD-9 Codes That Support Medical Necessity ICD-9 codes 488.11, 488.12 and 488.19 have been revised. The following ICD-9 have been added: 358.30, 358.31, 358.39, 415.13, 488.81, 488.82, 488.89, 508.2, 512.2, 516.4, 516.5, 573.5, 997.32, 998.00, 998.01, 998.02, 998.09, 999.32, 999.33, 999.34, 999.41, 999.42, 999.49, 999.51, 999.52, 999.59, V12.55 and V13.81. 512.8 expanded to 5th digit 512.81, 512.82, 518.83, 512.84 and 512.89, The following codes expanded to a 5th digit, 516.3 expanded to 516.30, 516.31, 516.32, 513.33, 516.34, 516.35, 516.36 and 516.37, 516.6 expanded to 516.61, 516.62, 516.63, 516.64 and 516.69, 518.5 expanded to 518.51, 518.52 and 518.53, 793.1 expanded to 793.11 and 793.19. This revision becomes effective on 10/01/2011.

Revision #1, 05/16/2011

01/01/2013 R1
Per scheduled J11 implementation, contractor numbers 11301 (Virginia) and 11401 (West Virginia) were added to this LCD. This revision becomes effective on 05/16/2011.

01/24/2011 - In accordance with Section 911 of the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003, in compliance with the J11 AB MAC Statement of Work (SOW), C.5.1.8.2 – Consolidation of Local Coverage Determinations, this LCD has been selected for implementation within the Palmetto GBA J11 AB MAC territory. Effective date of this implementation is January 24, 2011.

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