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Oxygen Insurance Coverage Criteria

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Prescription of Ordered Item

1. List the items Oxygen Concentrator and Portable Oxygen Concentrator (if patient is mobile and needs oxygen 24 hours or with ambulation)
2. List the prescribed liter flow
3. List the method of administering oxygen (i.e. nasal cannula)
4. List the frequency of use (i.e. nocturnal, 24°, etc.)

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Medical Record Documenting:

1. The treating practioners has ordered and evaluated the results of an oximetry test.
2. Qualifying oximetry testing (see special notes below for proper documentation). If applicable, notation that the **patient is mobile in the home**.
3. Recommendation that Oxygen at Prescribed liter flow, frequency and method of administering oxygen (i.e. nasal cannula, mask, etc.) will improve the beneficiary's condition

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Letter of Medical Necessity (LMN)

1. Once the prescription and the clinical notes qualify for insurance coverage, Gammie HomeCare will send this form which is needed prior to dispensing the oxygen.

Special Notes:

- **IF OXIMETRY TESTING PERFORMED AT REST ON ROOM AIR:**
 - Patient must be awake during testing and saturation level must be 88% or lower.
 - If patient is sleeping, qualifying saturation levels (88% or lower) must be documented (sleep oximetry) for at least 5 minutes (does not need to be continuous). If saturation level is documented while sleeping, only nocturnal oxygen will be covered.
- **IF PATIENT IS 89% ROOM AIR AT REST:** Patient may qualify for oxygen for a maximum of 3 months if accompanied by the diagnosis of CHF OR Pulmonary Hypertension (would need documentation to support this diagnosis.)
- **IF PATIENT DESATURATES ONLY DURING AMBULATION:**
 - Three (3) oxygen saturation level tests need to be performed during the same testing session.
 1. Room Air at Rest
 2. Room Air with Exercise (must be 88% or lower)
 3. Prescribed oxygen liter flow with Exercise (must show improvement from room air with ambulation)
- **IF ORDER IS GREATER THAN 4LPM:** Please do the same oxygen saturation level testing while on 4LPM of oxygen.
- **Oxygen cannot be covered at the same time that CPAP is prescribed if the only diagnosis is OSA.** A qualifying oximetry test may only occur during a titrated polysomnography study (split night or standalone) where the following are met:
 - Titration conducted over a minimum of two (2) hours
 - During Titration
 - AHI/RDI reduced to less than or equal to an average of ten (10) events per hour; or
 - Initial AHI/RDI was less than an average of ten (10), the titration demonstrates further reduction in the AHI/RDI; and
 - Optimal PAP settings have been determined and the patient is using the PAP device at those settings; and
 - The nocturnal oximetry conducted during the titrated PSG demonstrates oxygen saturation of 88% or below.