

Medicare Prescribing Checklist for BiPAP used for Severe COPD

TO: _____ @ _____ RE: patient _____ DOB _____

Thanks for your referral! We've received your order to provide **BiLevel (E0470) without backup rate**. However, Medicare requires documentation, indicated by check marks below, to be in our chart before providing the equipment.



If you have questions, please call 989-9902 and ask for _____.



Fax documents to 205-989-9903.

ALL of the following are required:

- Documentation of a face-to-face evaluation by a physician or PA/NP/CNS, stating the condition for which the patient needs the BIPAP **dated on, or six months prior, to the date of the order**. ALSO state in progress notes that obstructive sleep apnea, and treatment with CPAP, has been considered and ruled out as a cause of the severe COPD.
- Write a prescription containing the following five elements: 1. the patient's name, 2. the item of DME ordered, 3. the prescriber's National Provider Identifier (NPI), 4. the signature of the ordering prescriber, 5. the date of the order
- Please send an order stating the Inspiratory pressure and Expiratory pressure. "I/E"
- An ABG PaCO₂, done while the patient is awake and breathing the prescribed FIO₂, is ≥ 52 mmHg
- We need a statement in progress notes that this patient is diagnosed as having severe COPD.
- If an INPATIENT sleep oximetry was NOT performed** demonstrating oxygen saturation $\leq 88\%$ for ≥ 5 minutes of nocturnal recording time (minimum recording time of 2 hours) done while breathing oxygen at 2 LPM or the patient's prescribed FIO₂ (whichever is higher), **please send O'Neal Medical an order** for sleep oximetry. We will arrange for it to be performed **OUTPATIENT**.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Initially, Medicare will **ONLY** cover a BiLevel without a backup rate (E0470). Medicare will consider a device with a backup rate (E0471) **ONLY** after a period of treatment with the (E0470) device.
- Call 989-9902 if your patient has the following: Restrictive Thoracic Disorder, Central / Complex Sleep Apnea, Hypoventilation Syndrome. Medicare has specific criteria that we should consult with you about.