

Diagnosis

- Must be a documented diagnosis of chronic lung disease.
- May **not** be conditions of hypoxia, SOB, pneumonia, respiratory failure. (*self pay is available*)
- Must document alternate treatments have been tried and deemed clinically ineffective. (*bronchodilators, diuretics, steroids, etc*)

Oximetry - document on your order AND in progress notes

Medicare requires specific value(s). Do not document ranges.

Room air at rest:
88% or below

resting room air oxygen saturation was XX%

Exertion:
88% or below at exertion

resting room air was XX %
during exertion WITHOUT O2 was XX %
during exertion WITH XX LPM O2 improved to XX %

Progress Notes & Face-to-Face Documentation

Inpatient orders

- Saturation or ABG test was performed within 2 days of discharge.
- “The patient was in a chronic stable state when tested and the oximetry results were not obtained during an acute exacerbation.”
- Alternate treatments including (*insert any relevant treatments*) have been tried and ruled out thereby necessitating long term home oxygen therapy.

Outpatient orders

- Saturation or ABG test was performed within 30 days of the order date.
- Progress notes showing a face-to-face encounter with the patient 30 days prior to the order date.
- “The patient was in a chronic stable state when tested and the oximetry results were not obtained during an acute exacerbation.”
- “Alternate treatments including (*insert any relevant treatments*) have been tried and deemed not clinically ineffective thereby necessitating long term home oxygen therapy.”

NOTE: Patients have 30 days from the order to take delivery of home oxygen.