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Reimbursement for Portable Oxygen Contents

Effective with dates of service on or after October 1, 2022, Louisiana Medicaid is clarifying the quantity coverage for authorizing gaseous portable oxygen contents. The below clarifications are necessary as beneficiaries may require multiple units of portable oxygen per month for medical appointments, treatment, and/or travel to and from school (for beneficiaries under 21 years of age).

- Units of portable oxygen must be authorized per month based on review of submitted medical justification.
- Beneficiaries may require multiple units of portable oxygen refills within the same month, if medically justified. Examples of justification for refills include, but are not limited to, multiple visits for radiation or chemotherapy as well as travel to and from school for beneficiaries under 21 years of age.
- Providers must be reimbursed the rate on file for the date of service for each authorized unit within a month.
- To comply with the CMS National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) edits, only 1 unit per Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code for portable oxygen contents is allowed per claim line regardless of the date(s) of service. Multiple claim lines for the HCPCS code for portable oxygen contents may be billed for the same dates of service.

Managed care organizations (MCO) must make system updates and recycle any claims that were paid incorrectly according to this change within 60 days of this notice. MCOs must also notify providers of their process and timeline for implementing the changes, as well as their plan to recycle impacted claims.

Questions regarding fee-for-service claims should be directed to Gainwell Technologies Provider Relations at (800) 473-2783 or (225) 924-5040.

Questions regarding managed care claims should be directed to the appropriate managed care organization.

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