
Program Memorandum Carriers

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DISCARD PROGRAM MEMORANDUM B-00-59, CHANGE REQUEST 1149, DATED OCTOBER 31, 2000

SUBJECT: Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier (DMERC) Common Working File (CWF)

This Program Memorandum (PM) requests a change to the CWF regarding the Oxygen CMN (484). Currently, CWF can only accept certification periods of 3 months, 12 months, and lifetime.

Medical necessity may be for 1 month, 2 months, etc. CWF should allow up to 99 months for initial, revised, and recertification oxygen CMNs. Specifically, CWF should allow 1-99 months for initial oxygen CMNs and 0-99 months for recert/revision oxygen CMNs.

- CWF error **CO20** invalid scheduled recert date requires CWF changes. This change relates to oxygen and to parenteral/enteral nutrition (PEN) pumps. CWF calculates the scheduled recert date based on the length of need for oxygen and PEN. With CR 1149 changes, the length can be 0-99 for oxygen. CWF will not calculate the recert dates. CWF will accept the recert date entered by the DMERCs for both oxygen and PEN pumps.
- CWF **edit CO22** invalid medical necessity length requires additional CWF changes. CWF will discontinue checking oxygen ABG & saturation levels to determine length.
- CWF and VMS logic should not change the scheduled recert date on an oxygen CMN when a revision CMN is sent to CWF.
- DMERCs need the capability to change the length on an oxygen revision CMN. CWF will accept revisions extending the medical necessity length on oxygen CMNs. Note: CWF currently requires the end date and the scheduled recert date to be the same.
- CWF must be able to accept an oxygen revision CMN regardless of the recert date on the CMN.
- CWF will continue to accept recerts and revisions in ascending date order (dates of recerts or revisions).
- CWF will keep the current D902 logic that looks at the initial date and the end date for every category. CWF will add a new edit for oxygen and PEN that edits for the date of service after the scheduled recert date and no recert received.

- D902 - claim edits when the date of service is greater than the end date on the CMN but lesser than the scheduled recert date;
- New edit - claim edits when the date of service is greater than scheduled recert date.

The effective date for this PM is October 1, 2001.

The implementation date for the PM is October 1, 2001.

These instructions should be implemented within your current budget.

This PM may be discarded after July 1, 2002.

DMERC contractors should contact the appropriate regional office project officer with questions.