
Program Memorandum

Carriers

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SUBJECT: Change in Jurisdiction for Topical Hyperbaric Oxygen Chamber

Scope

This instruction will change the jurisdiction of topical hyperbaric oxygen chambers from local carrier to the durable medical equipment regional carriers (DMERCs).

Background

Topical hyperbaric oxygen chambers are disposable items that are used in the home. Because these items are used in the home, claims for such items should be billed to the DMERCs.

Implementation

1. Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2003, jurisdiction for processing claims for the following code will change from the local carriers to the DMERCs:

A4575 - Topical hyperbaric oxygen chamber, disposable

TOS = 9

DMEPOS Category = 9

CWF Category = 60, 17

2. In accordance with the Coverage Issues Manual, §35-10 (D), claims for topical hyperbaric oxygen must be denied as not medically necessary.

Education

DMERCs and local carriers should publish this information in their next scheduled bulletin.

The *effective date* for this Program Memorandum (PM) is January 1, 2003.

The *implementation date* for this PM is January 1, 2003.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded after January 1, 2004.

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