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UPDATE: Oxygen at Home Approvals Not Extended for All Members with COVID-19

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Due to the 1135 Waiver, we had previously waived the current national and local coverage determinations that otherwise restrict coverage of the home use of oxygen for members diagnosed with COVID-19. That change allowed practitioners the option of treating their patients with home use of oxygen during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

The waived national and local coverage determinations will be put back into place beginning April 1, 2021 for all products and members, including Medicare Advantage and Commercial members. We will *resume medical necessity reviews* for coverage of home use of oxygen as of April 1, 2021, going back to the status that existed prior to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Codes Impacted:

E1390 – O2 concentrator

E1392 – O2 portable concentrator

E0431 – portable O2 system

K0738 – portable O2 system

E0441 – O2 contents

E0442 – liquid O2 contents

E0443 – portable O2 contents

E0444 – liquid portable O2 contents

If you have any questions, please contact your provider relations specialist. And please visit HealthAlliance.org/Coronavirus for more information on COVID-19, including questions about coverage. Thank you for all you do for the care of our members.