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**Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Coverage of Oxygen Probes**

Effective with date of service June 1, 2019, new Medicaid guidelines apply for oxygen probes used with an oximeter device. Prior authorization is required for oximeter supplies, including oxygen probes and tape. For rented equipment, coverage for these supplies is included in the rental reimbursement rate on file. For purchased equipment, coverage for the supplies will have the following limitations:

- Disposable oxygen probes are limited to four per month;
- Replacement oxygen probes are limited to one every six months; and
- Oxygen probes and tape cannot be billed with pulse oximeter equipment in the same month of service. (Billing of probes and equipment in the same month will result in denial of the probes.)

Durable medical equipment (DME) providers will submit the appropriate Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code and modifier from the Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics & Supplies (DMEPOS) fee schedule to bill for these supplies. The rate on file for the HCPCS code includes reimbursement for the tape. The U5 modifier (oxygen probe for use with oximeter device, disposable) must be included on the prior authorization and claim for disposable oxygen probes. If the DME provider bills for a replacement oxygen probe, a modifier would not be used.

Questions regarding this message and fee-for-service claims should be directed to DXC Technology Provider Relations at (800) 473-2783 or (225) 924-5040.