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Oxygen Insurance Coverage Criteria

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Prescription of Ordered Item

1. List the items Oxygen Concentrator and Portable Oxygen Concentrator (if patient is mobile and needs oxygen continuously or with ambulation)
2. List the prescribed liter flow
3. List the method of administering oxygen (i.e. nasal cannula)
4. List the frequency of use (i.e. nocturnal, continuous, etc.)
5. List the results of the most recent oxygen saturation testing on the prescription- this should match what is in the medical record. (i.e. 87% **ROOM AIR AT REST**) – See Special Notes below for information on ambulation testing.

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Medical Record Documenting:

1. Patient has of severe lung disease or hypoxia related symptoms that might be expected to improve with oxygen
2. Qualifying oxygen saturation level testing (see special notes below for proper documentation). If applicable, notation that the **patient is mobile in the home**.
3. Alternative treatment measures have been tried or considered and deemed clinically ineffective.
4. Prescriber liter flow, frequency and method of administering oxygen (i.e. nasal cannula, mask, etc.)

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Oxygen Certificate of Medical Necessity (CMN)

1. Once the prescription and the clinical notes qualify for insurance coverage, Gammie HomeCare will send this form which is needed prior to dispensing the oxygen.

Special Notes:

- **IF OXYGEN SATURATION LEVEL TESTING DONE AT REST ON ROOM AIR:** Patient must be awake during testing and saturation level must be 88% or lower. If patient is sleeping, qualifying saturation levels (88% or lower) must be documented (sleep oximetry) for at least 5 minutes (does not need to be continuous). If saturation level is documented while sleeping, only nocturnal oxygen will be covered.
- **IF PATIENT IS 89% ROOM AIR AT REST:** Patient may qualify for oxygen for a maximum of 3 months if accompanied by the diagnosis of CHF OR Pulmonary Hypertension (would need documentation to support this diagnosis.)
- **IF PATIENT DESATURATES ONLY DURING AMBULATION:** Three (3) oxygen saturation level tests need to be performed during the same testing session.
 1. Room Air at Rest
 2. Room Air with Exercise (must be 88% or lower)
 3. Prescribed oxygen liter flow with Exercise (must show improvement from room air with ambulation)
- **IF ORDER IS GREATER THAN 4LPM:** Please do the same oxygen saturation level testing while on 4LPM of oxygen.