Effective July 1, 2013

- THE PATIENT’S MEDICAL RECORD MUST CONTAIN sufficient documentation of the patient's medical condition to substantiate the necessity for the type and quantity of items ordered.
- A Physician, Physician Assistant (PA), Nurse Practitioner (NP), or Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) must have a Face-to-Face evaluation with the beneficiary prior to the written DME order and document the Face-to-Face evaluation in the patient’s medical records.
- THE FACE-TO-FACE EVALUATION MUST BE SIGNED BY THE ORDERING PHYSICIAN.
- The Face-to-Face evaluation must occur during the six months prior to the written order for each item.

A detailed written order for the item must be received before the delivery of the item can take place and must include minimally the following information:

(See Face-to-Face quick reference guide)

1. Prescriber’s NPI
2. Beneficiary name
3. Date of order
4. DME item ordered
5. Signature of prescriber
6. Date of prescriber’s Signature

COMPRRESSOR/NEBULIZER FOR AEROSOLIZED MEDICATION DELIVERY

Albuterol 2.5 mgm tid via small volume nebulizer

Refills: 3
Signature Date: 07/01/2013

John Doe, M.D.
Any Town, USA
Phone: (555) 555-555

Signature of Prescriber: John Doe, M.D.
Name (Printed): William Smith

Prescription:

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HCPCS code(s) affected include the following:

E0570: Nebulizer with compressor

Coverage Criteria

Small volume nebulizer and related compressor - It is documented in the patient's medical record that:

- It is reasonable and necessary to administer albuterol, arformoterol, budesonide, cromolyn, formoterol, ipratropium, levalbuterol, or metaproterenol for the management of obstructive pulmonary disease (ICD-9 diagnosis codes 491.0 - 508.9); or
- It is reasonable and necessary to administer dornase alpha to a patient with cystic fibrosis (ICD-9 diagnosis code 277.02); or
- It is reasonable and necessary to administer tobramycin to a patient with cystic fibrosis or bronchiectasis (ICD-9 diagnosis code 277.02,494.0,494.1,748.61,011.50-011.56); or
- It is reasonable and necessary to administer pentamidine to a patient with HIV, pneumocytosis, or complications of organ transplants (ICD9 diagnosis codes 996.80-996.89); or
- It is reasonable and necessary to administer acetylcysteine for persistent thick or tenacious pulmonary secretions (ICD-9 diagnosis codes 480.0-508.9, 786.4)