

# Oxygen Prescription Information

Insurance companies now require **Current Supporting Documentation** for **ALL** oxygen Rx's written.

## **Face-to-Face Documentation after discharge from a hospital:**

This visit must occur either prior to, but no earlier than two (2) days prior to the inpatient hospital discharge data, or while the patient is in a chronic stable state. The physician notes must establish the need for the oxygen ordered. (i.e., signed H&P, Discharge Summary or Progress notes).

## **Doctors Office Face-to Face Documentation:**

Send chart note from visit with prescription. All testing needs to be done 30 days from office visit.

- For patients to qualify for portable oxygen, they must be mobile within the home and be tested under specific conditions (see testing guidelines.)
- All patients who use home oxygen must first be tested. There must be a record of the test results in the physician's notes, or separate testing documentation, to verify that the test occurred.
- All patients need to have an Overnight Pulse Oximeter Test on room air to qualify for oxygen at night if at rest oxygen saturations are **not** below 88%.

## **Oxygen Prescription Checklist**

1. Name of Patient
2. Equipment Needed (i.e., Concentrator, Regulator or Conserving Device)
3. Duration (i.e., Continuous 24/7 or Nocturnal)
4. Specific Liter Flow (i.e., 2 LPM – NOT Accepted is 2-3 LPM)
5. Diagnosis (i.e., Hypoxia, COPD, CHF, etc.)
6. O2 Saturation % (i.e., Pt 92 Sat must be 88% or lower to qualify)
7. Length of need (i.e., 6 months, 1 year, 99 months, rest of lifetime, etc.)
8. Treating physician's signature and date order signed with **NPI (signature and date stamps are NOT ALLOWED)**