

Nebulizer

Face-to-Face Documentation Requirements

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

John Doe, M.D. Any Town, USA Phone: (555) 555-555		1 NPI# 1234767890
2 Name: William Smith	3 Date: 07/01/2013	
Address: 555 My Street, Any Town		DOB: 12/15/1960
Rx 4 Compressor/nebulizer for aerosolized medication delivery Albuterol 2.5 mgm tid via small volume nebulizer		
Refills: _____	5 Signature of Prescriber: <i>John Doe, M.D.</i>	
6 Signature Date: 07/01/2013	Name (Printed): John Doe, M.D.	

DOCUMENTATION IN MEDICAL RECORDS REQUIRED BY CMS

Documentation Requirements

- Duration of patient's condition
- Clinical course
- Prognosis
- Nature and extent of functional limitations
- Other therapeutic interventions and results

Key Items to Address

- Why does the patient require the item?
- Do the physical examination findings support the need for the item?
- Signs and symptoms that indicate the need for the item
- Diagnoses that are responsible for these signs and symptoms
- Other diagnoses that may relate to the need for the item

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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)