

Oxygen and Oxygen Equipment (Group 1)

Required Documentation for Insurance Coverage

The following documentation must be provided for ALL Oxygen and Oxygen Equipment

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Written Order Prior to Delivery (WOPD) which contains:<ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) beneficiary name(2) date of order(3) drug (ex: O2 w/portability)(4) liter flow (ex: 2 liters per minute)(5) frequency (ex: 24 hrs a day)(6) route of admin (ex: nasal cannula)(7) length of need(8) physician name & signature(9) physician NPI | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Face Sheet• Diagnosis Sheet• H&P• PT/OT Notes• Face-to-Face Examination dated no more than 30 days before date of order.
(Copy of medical record documenting F2F examination by treating physician showing the beneficiary was evaluated/treated for a condition supporting the need for the equipment). |
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The medical record MUST document:

- Diagnosis of severe lung disease or hypoxia related symptoms that are expected to improve with oxygen therapy.
 - The beneficiary has been evaluated by the treating physician within 30 days prior to initial order.
 - Documented blood gas study that meets one of the following criteria while patient is in a chronic stable state.
- 1) A test taken during rest. Medicare considers oxygen medically necessary if SpO₂ is less than or equal to 88%. If SpO₂ is greater than 88%, proceed to step 2.
 - 2) A test taken on room air during exercise. If patient meets qualifying threshold of SpO₂ less than or equal to 88% while exercising, all three of the required tests below must be performed within same testing session and be recorded in the form of a medical record.
 - a. A test taken during rest while patient breathes room air.
 - b. A test taken during exercise while patient breathes room air.
 - c. A test taken during exercise, with oxygen applied
 - 3) A test taken during sleep. If patient is tested during sleep, test must have at least two hours of recorded time. Test must indicate arterial oxygen desaturation to 88% or less for at least 5 minutes of testing period.
***A patient tested during sleep will not qualify for portable oxygen.**

Tests must be obtained under one of the following conditions:

- In patient – Testing performed no earlier than 2 days prior to discharge.
- Out Patient – Testing performed no earlier than 30 days prior to initial order date.
- Nocturnal - Testing at night with room air must desaturate an accumulative of 5 minutes or more.

• A patient tested in an emergency room is not considered to be in a chronic stable state. If the test was taken in an emergency room the patient must be tested again in the physicians office or by an IDTF.

