PROVIDER BULLETIN Provider information



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Positive airway pressure devices for the treatment of obstructive sleep apnea

Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) and Bi-level Positive Airway Pressure (Bi-PAP) devices are used for treatment of obstructive sleep apnea. Eligible providers may provide positive airway pressure (PAP) devices and related supplies.

Eligible subscribers

PAP devices and related supplies are covered for eligible subscribers with a diagnosis of obstructive sleep apnea made by a physician with experience diagnosing and treating sleep apnea, using a sleep study or other appropriate diagnostic tool. The information in this bulletin applies to subscribers with any of the following products:

Product name	Group numbers that begin with
Blue Advantage PMAP	PP0, PP4
Blue Advantage MSC+	PP0, PP4, PP5, PP6, PP7
MinnesotaCare	PP1
SecureBlue SM (HMO SNP)	PP2

Billing

The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) process requires providers to indicate subscriber compliance with CPAP and Bi-PAP treatment. Blue Plus will require this process be followed effective November 1, 2013.

Bill the first 3 months using modifier RR and modifiers KH and/or KI as appropriate.

- When billing for rental after the first 3 months, use modifiers RR, KJ and modifier KX if documentation in the file supports that the supplier has verified subscriber compliance with treatment. Do not use modifier KX if the supplier has not verified compliance, or if the supplier has information that the subscriber is not compliant with treatment.
- Blue Plus will deny claims for rental past the first 3 months, unless RR, KJ and KX modifiers are present to indicate subscriber compliance with treatment.

Additional resource

Additional information is available in the MHCP Provider Manual on the DHS website at dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod =LatestReleased&dDocName=dhs16_149952#

Questions?

If you have questions, please contact provider services at (651) 662-5200 or toll free at 1-800-262-0820.

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