

OXYGEN PRIOR AUTH & MEDICAL NECESSITY REQUIREMENTS

This bulletin will serve as a reminder of the original and ongoing medical necessity certification required for the provision of oxygen. As of 10/1/21, Molina requires providers to obtain prior authorization (PA) for **oxygen on Medicaid recipients only**. This requirement will not take effect for participating providers until the end of the Public Health Emergency. In addition, Molina will require providers to obtain PA for oxygen on Marketplace recipients as well effective April 1, 2022.

Please see below excerpt from the MDHHS Provider manual for recertification and annual recertification requirements.

The following is the excerpt from the current Medicaid Provider Manual:

Six-Month Recertification – After the initial prescription for home oxygen therapy, a six-month follow-up certificate of medical necessity (CMN) must be obtained. At this time, a new pO₂ or oxygen saturation test with the beneficiary on room air must be obtained and indicated on the CMN, along with the date of the test, to substantiate continued need for treatment.

Annual Recertification – Following the first year of oxygen treatment, a new CMN and prescription are required annually. An updated lab test is not required unless there is a change in the level of oxygen usage or type of delivery system required. The most recent pO₂ or oxygen saturation level and the date of the test must be documented on each annual CMN.

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