

Oxygen

[Select the appropriate scenario for the patient's condition. Add in patient's pertinent symptom and condition.]

If none of the scenarios apply to your patient's condition, they do not meet Medicare's coverage criteria.]

[Phrases]

Group 1 Qualifications: (coverage for up to 12mths)

- 1. Oxygen - Arterial PO₂ at or below 55 mm Hg or arterial O₂ saturation at or below 88 % at (awake) / Blood gas study performed by qualified personnel while part of hospital stay / Alternative treatment methods considered and ruled out.**

Due to *****Symptom***** as a result of *****Condition*****, patient will require home oxygen therapy to achieve healthy blood gas levels. The patient's most recent blood gas study, taken while patient was awake and treated as an inpatient, measured at ***** ___ mm Hg or ___% O₂ Saturation*****. As a result of poor oxygen saturation patient will require home oxygen therapy. Oxygen therapy has been trialed at ***** ___***** liters per minute resulting in optimal saturation level of ***** ___%***** while under physician supervision. All other treatments have been tried and proven ineffective.

- 2. Oxygen - Arterial PO₂ at or below 55 mm Hg or arterial O₂ saturation at or below 88 % at (awake) / Blood gas study performed by qualified personnel while in outpatient setting in a chronic stable state / Alternative treatment methods considered and ruled out.**

Due to *****Symptom***** as a result of *****Condition*****, patient will require home oxygen therapy to achieve healthy blood gas levels. The patient's most recent blood gas study, taken while patient was awake and treated as an outpatient while in a chronic stable state and measured at ***** ___ mm Hg or ___% O₂ Saturation*****. As a result of poor oxygen saturation patient will require home oxygen therapy. Oxygen therapy has been trialed at ***** ___***** liters per minute resulting in optimal saturation level of ***** ___%***** while under physician supervision. All other treatments have been tried and proven ineffective.

- 3. Oxygen - Arterial PO₂ at or below 55 mm Hg, or arterial O₂ saturation at or below 88% for at least 5 minutes taken during sleep for beneficiary who demonstrates an arterial PO₂ at or above 56 mm Hg or saturation at or above 89% while awake.**

Due to *****Symptom***** as a result of *****Condition*****, patient will require home oxygen therapy to achieve healthy nocturnal blood gas levels. The patient's most recent blood gas study, taken while patient was asleep, measured for a minimum of 5 minutes at *****__ mm Hg or O2 Saturation*****. While awake; however, patient's blood gas tests are healthy. As a result of poor oxygen saturation while asleep, patient will require home nocturnal oxygen therapy. Oxygen therapy has been trialed at *****__***** liters per minute resulting in optimal saturation level of *****__%***** while under physician supervision. All other treatments have been tried and proven ineffective.

4. Oxygen - decrease in arterial PO2 more than 10 mm Hg, or a decrease in arterial oxygen saturation more than 5 percent from baseline saturation, for at least 5 minutes taken during sleep associated with symptoms (e.g., impairment of cognitive processes and [nocturnal restlessness or insomnia]) or signs (e.g., cor pulmonale, "P" pulmonale on EKG, documented pulmonary hypertension and erythrocytosis) reasonably attributable to hypoxemia.

Due to *****Symptom***** as a result of *****Condition*****, patient will require home oxygen therapy to achieve healthy nocturnal blood gas levels. The patient's most recent blood gas study, taken while patient was asleep, measured a significant decrease of *****__ mm Hg or O2 Saturation***** from baseline *****__ mm Hg or O2 Saturation***** as a result of *****Condition*****. While awake; however, patient's blood gas tests measure at healthy levels. As a result of poor oxygen saturation while asleep, patient will require home nocturnal oxygen therapy. Oxygen therapy has been trialed at *****__***** liters per minute resulting in optimal saturation level of *****__%***** while under physician supervision. All other treatments have been tried and proven ineffective.

5. An arterial PO2 at or below 55 mm Hg or an arterial oxygen saturation at or below 88 percent, taken during exercise for a beneficiary who demonstrates an arterial PO2 at or above 56 mm Hg or an arterial oxygen saturation at or above 89 percent during the day while at rest. In this case, oxygen is provided for during exercise if it is documented that the use of oxygen improves the hypoxemia that was demonstrated during exercise when the beneficiary was breathing room air.

Due to *****Symptom***** as a result of *****Condition*****, patient will require home oxygen therapy to achieve healthy blood gas levels while exercising. The patient's most recent blood gas study, taken while patient was exerting themselves during exercise, measured at *****__ mm Hg or O2 Saturation*****. When not exercising; however, patient's blood gas tests are healthy. As a result of poor oxygen saturation during exertion, patient will require home oxygen therapy to be used while exercising. Oxygen therapy has been trialed at *****__***** liters per minute resulting in optimal saturation level of *****__%***** while under physician supervision. All other treatments have been tried and proven ineffective.