

Local Coverage Article: Topical HBO and Physician Related Service Billing and Coding Guidelines (A56025)

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| Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC | A and B MAC | 01112 - MAC B | J - E | California - Northern |
| Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC | A and B MAC | 01182 - MAC B | J - E | California - Southern American Samoa |
| Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC | A and B MAC | 01211 - MAC A | J - E | Guam Hawaii Northern Mariana Islands American Samoa |
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| Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC | A and B MAC | 01312 - MAC B | J - E | Nevada American Samoa California - Entire State |
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Article Information

General Information

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Article Guidance

Article Text:

Effective April 3, 2017, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) decided that no National Coverage Determination (NCD) is appropriate at this time concerning the use of topical oxygen for the treatment of chronic wounds. As a result, CMS amended the NCD on Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (NCD 20.29) by removing Section C, Topical Application of Oxygen, and Medicare coverage of topical oxygen for the treatment of chronic wounds will be determined by the local Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs). The CMS decision to remove the section on topical application of oxygen from the HBO NCD was because the topical application of oxygen does not meet the definition of hyperbaric oxygen therapy. (see CR 10220 issued 11/17/2017).

In addition, CMS adds this note, "Though a MAC may decide to cover this procedure, there shall be no coverage for any separate or additional payment for any physician's professional services related to this procedure." Presently, the two HCPCS codes for topical oxygen therapy (E0446 and A4575) are designated as DME jurisdiction and since CMS has instructed the local MACs to not allow a physician service with topical oxygen, Noridian does not expect to see any claims for this service in either Part A or Part B.

To bill for denial of related physician services enter 99199-related to Topical HBO in the comment/narrative field for the following Part B claim field/types:

- Loop 2400 or SV101-7 for the 5010A1 837P
- Item 19 for paper claims

Sources

- CMS Change Request 10220; [Transmittal 203](#) and [Transmittal 3921](#)
- Internet Only Manual, Pub 100-04-Claims Processing Manual; [Chapter 32, Section 30.2](#)

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[Coding Information](#)

Bill Type Codes:

Contractors may specify Bill Types to help providers identify those Bill Types typically used to report this service. Absence of a Bill Type does not guarantee that the article does not apply to that Bill Type. Complete absence of all Bill Types indicates that coverage is not influenced by Bill Type and the article should be assumed to apply equally to all claims.

N/A

Revenue Codes:

Contractors may specify Revenue Codes to help providers identify those Revenue Codes typically used to report this service. In most instances Revenue Codes are purely advisory. Unless specified in the article, services reported under other Revenue Codes are equally subject to this coverage determination. Complete absence of all Revenue Codes indicates that coverage is not influenced by Revenue Code and the article should be assumed to apply equally to all Revenue Codes.

N/A

CPT/HCPCS Codes Group 1 Paragraph:

99199 is the **only** code billable to the this AB MAC

Group 1 Codes:

| Group 1 CPT/HCPCS Code | Group 1 CPT/HCPCS Code Description |
|------------------------|--|
| 99199 | UNLISTED SPECIAL SERVICE, PROCEDURE OR REPORT |
| A4575 | TOPICAL HYPERBARIC OXYGEN CHAMBER, DISPOSABLE |
| E0446 | TOPICAL OXYGEN DELIVERY SYSTEM, NOT OTHERWISE SPECIFIED, INCLUDES ALL SUPPLIES AND ACCESSORIES |

ICD-10 Codes that are Covered N/A

ICD-10 Codes that are Not Covered N/A

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Revision History Information

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Statutory Requirements URL(s) N/A

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