

**Policy References:** [Local Coverage Determination Oxygen and Oxygen Equipment \(L33797\) and Policy Article \(A52514\)](#)

**Documentation References:** [Standard Documentation Requirements Policy Article \(PA\) A55426](#)

The treating clinician must complete the following items:

- [Standard Written Order \(SWO\)](#)
- Complete Certificate of Medical Necessity (CMN) Form 484 (sections B and D)
- Medical record documentation requirements (see below)

### **Medical Documentation**

- Beneficiary is mobile within the home
- Beneficiary has severe lung disease or hypoxia related symptoms expected to improve with oxygen therapy; **and**
- Beneficiary's blood gas study (BSG) meets criteria noted below; **and**
- BGS was performed by a physician or qualified provider or supplier of laboratory services; **and**
- BGS was obtained under the following conditions:
  - If performed during an inpatient hospital stay, the reported test must be the one obtained closest to but no earlier than two (2) days prior to the hospital discharge date; **or**
    - If not performed during an inpatient hospital stay, the reported test must be performed while the beneficiary is in a chronic stable state – ie., not during a period of acute illness or an exacerbation of their underlying disease; **and**
    - BGS performed at rest (awake) or during exercise
- Alternative treatments were tried or considered and deemed clinically ineffective. Provide information showing oxygen need in addition to the alternative therapy if required.
- Group I or II performed while on **4 or more LPM**

Group I Criteria:

- Arterial blood gas (ABG) at or below 55 mm Hg or arterial blood saturation at or below 88%
- At rest; **or**
- During exercise (3 tests); **or**

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- During sleep (at least 5 minutes); **or**
- During sleep (signs of hypoxemia)
  - Decrease in ABG more than 10 mm Hg or a decrease in arterial blood saturation of more than 5% from baseline for at least 5 minutes taken during sleep

Group II Criteria:

- ABG between 56 – 59 mm Hg or arterial blood saturation at or above 89%
  - Same testing requirements as Group I; **and**
- Beneficiary has one of the following conditions
  - Dependent edema, suggesting congestive heart failure; **or**
  - Pulmonary hypertension or cor pulmonale; **or**
  - Erythrocythemia with a hematocrit greater than 56%