

Title: Decision to Amend National Coverage Determination for Home Use of Oxygen (NCD 240.2) to Conform to §1834(a)(5)(E) of the Social Security Act

Decision: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is making changes to the National Coverage Determination for Home Use of Oxygen ([NCD 240.2](#)) by modifying section D to comply with the specific time period specified in §1834(a)(5)(E) of the Social Security Act. Section D pertains to the Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) authority to determine reasonable and necessary coverage for patients who are not described in section B or excluded in section C of the NCD. Specifically, CMS revised the period of initial coverage for these patients from 120 days to 90 days, in order to align with the regulatory time period.

What this means: Home oxygen and equipment may be covered for members who meet our coverage indications, subject to the Medicare NCD and any requirements established by the DME MACs. HealthPartners may determine reasonable and necessary coverage of home oxygen therapy and equipment for patients who are not described in subsection B or prohibited by subsection C of the NCD. Initial coverage for patients with other conditions may be limited to the shorter of 90 days or the number of days included in the practitioner prescription at our discretion. Coverage may be renewed if we deem medically necessary.

Effective: July 8, 2022

This announcement can be found at: [Home Use of Oxygen \(CAG-00296R3\)](#)

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