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Important Info about Your Autopap, Cpap, or Bipap

Continued coverage of a Autopap, Cpap or Bipap beyond the first three months of therapy requires that, no sooner than the 31st day but no later than the 91st day after initiating therapy, **the treating physician must conduct a clinical re-evaluation and document that the beneficiary is benefiting from PAP therapy or insurance will not cover equipment.**

For PAP devices documentation of clinical benefit is demonstrated by:

1. **Face-to-face** clinical re-evaluation by the treating physician with documentation that symptoms of obstructive sleep apnea are improved; **and**,
2. **Objective evidence of adherence to use** of the PAP device, reviewed by the treating physician.

Objective evidence of adherence to use of therapy is defined as use of PAP **≥4 hours per night on 70% of nights during a consecutive thirty (30) day period** anytime during the first three (3) months of initial usage.

If the above criteria are not met, continued coverage of Autopap, Cpap, or Bipap and related accessories will be denied as not medically necessary and patient will be responsible for all charges beyond 90th day.

If the physician re-evaluation does not occur until after the 91st day but the evaluation demonstrates that the patient is benefiting from PAP therapy as defined in criteria 1 and 2 above, continued coverage of the PAP device will commence with the date of that re-evaluation.

Beneficiaries who fail the initial 90 day trial are eligible to requalify for a PAP device but are required to have the following:

1. **Face-to-face clinical re-evaluation** by the treating physician to determine the etiology of the failure to respond to PAP therapy; **and**,
2. **Repeat sleep test** in a facility-based setting.

If Autopap or Cpap is tried and found ineffective during the initial facility-based titration or home trial, substitution of a Bipap does not change the length of the trial unless there is less than 30 days remaining in the trial period. If more than 30 days remain in the trial period, the clinical re-evaluation would still occur between the 31st and 91st day following the initiation of Autopap or Cpap and documentation of adherence on the Bipap would need to occur prior to the 91st day following initiation of the Autopap or Cpap. If less than 30 days remain in the trial period, the clinical re-evaluation and documentation of adherence must occur before the 120th day following the initiation of the Autopap or Cpap.

If Autopap or Cpap was used for more than 3 months and the patient was then switched to Bipap, the clinical re-evaluation must occur between the 31st and 91st day following the initiation of the Bipap. There would also need to be documentation of adherence to therapy during the 3 month trial with the Bipap.

If the patient stops using the Autopap, Cpap or Bipap, Desloge should be notified so billing for the equipment can be stopped and the Autopap, Cpap or Bipap can be picked up.