**BEFORE DISPENSING YOUR PT'S EQUPIMENT—NEBULIZER:**

We recently received a request from your patient for the following equipment: nebulizer. Before dispensing a nebulizer, we will need documentation supporting Medicare criteria. **The patient will not be able to receive equipment unless proper documentation has been recorded in the pt's medical records**. If you have any questions, please contact me at 417-328-7267.

Thank you,

Darlene

CMH Home Medical Equipment

Medical Documentation Specialist

**NEBULIZER REQUIREMENTS (for patients prescribed albuterol)  
  
A nebulizer (E0570) is covered if a Medicare approved diagnosis is used and there is sufficient documentation supporting the diagnosis and the need for the nebulizer:**

1. **Approved Diagnosis (See Chart Below)**
2. **Detailed Narrative:**
   1. **Supporting Medicare approved diagnosis**
   2. **Showing need for nebulizer (based on approved diagnosis)**
   3. **Showing type of medication and directions for usage**
3. **Detailed Written Order**
   1. **Must include medication, specific dosage, and the administration instructions**

**Please note: Medicare will NOT cover a nebulizer for Pneumonia (J18.9), Shortness of Breath (R06.02), Cough (R05), Wheezing (R06.2), and Acute bronchitis (J20.9) when albuterol is administered.**

**Please note: Medicare will also not cover a nebulizer if the face-to-face notes indicate that the pt needs a nebulizer for Pneumonia even if the script has a Medicare approved diagnosis. Then face-to-face documentation must support the need for the nebulizer for a Medicare approved diagnosis.**

**Covered diagnoses are as follows:**

**J41.0 Simple chronic bronchitis**

**J41.1 Mucopurulent chronic bronchitis**

**J41.8 Mixed simple and mucopurulent chronic bronchitis**

**J42 Unspecified chronic bronchitis**

**J43.0 Unilateral pulmonary emphysema [MacLeod's syndrome]**

**J43.1 Panlobular emphysema**

**J43.2 Centrilobular emphysema**

**J43.8 Other emphysema**

**J43.9 Emphysema, unspecified**

**J44.0 Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease with acute lower respiratory infection**

**J44.1 Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease with (acute) exacerbation**

**J44.9 Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, unspecified**

**J45.20 Mild intermittent asthma, uncomplicated**

**J45.21 Mild intermittent asthma with (acute) exacerbation**

**J45.22 Mild intermittent asthma with status asthmaticus**

**J45.30 Mild persistent asthma, uncomplicated**

**J45.31 Mild persistent asthma with (acute) exacerbation**

**J45.32 Mild persistent asthma with status asthmaticus**

**J45.40 Moderate persistent asthma, uncomplicated**

**J45.41 Moderate persistent asthma with (acute) exacerbation**

**J45.42 Moderate persistent asthma with status asthmaticus**

**J45.50 Severe persistent asthma, uncomplicated**

**J45.51 Severe persistent asthma with (acute) exacerbation**

**J45.52 Severe persistent asthma with status asthmaticus**

**J45.901 Unspecified asthma with (acute) exacerbation**

**J45.902 Unspecified asthma with status asthmaticus**

**J45.909 Unspecified asthma, uncomplicated**

**J45.990 Exercise induced bronchospasm**

**J45.991 Cough variant asthma**

**J45.998 Other asthma**

**J47.0 Bronchiectasis with acute lower respiratory infection**

**J47.1 Bronchiectasis with (acute) exacerbation**

**J47.9 Bronchiectasis, uncomplicated**

**J60 Coalworker's pneumoconiosis**

**J61 Pneumoconiosis due to asbestos and other mineral fibers**

**J62.0 Pneumoconiosis due to talc dust**

**J62.8 Pneumoconiosis due to other dust containing silica**

**J63.0 Aluminosis (of lung)**

**J63.1 Bauxite fibrosis (of lung)**

**J63.2 Berylliosis**

**J63.3 Graphite fibrosis (of lung)**

**J63.4 Siderosis**

**J63.5 Stannosis**

**J63.6 Pneumoconiosis due to other specified inorganic dusts**

**J64 Unspecified pneumoconiosis**

**J65 Pneumoconiosis associated with tuberculosis**

**J66.0 Byssinosis**

**J66.1 Flax-dressers' disease**

**J66.2 Cannabinosis**

**J66.8 Airway disease due to other specific organic dusts**

**J67.0 Farmer's lung**

**J67.1 Bagassosis**

**J67.2 Bird fancier's lung**

**J67.3 Suberosis**

**J67.4 Maltworker's lung**

**J67.5 Mushroom-worker's lung**

**J67.6 Maple-bark-stripper's lung**

**J67.7 Air conditioner and humidifier lung**

**J67.8 Hypersensitivity pneumonitis due to other organic dusts**

**J67.9 Hypersensitivity pneumonitis due to unspecified organic dust**

**J68.0 Bronchitis and pneumonitis due to chemicals, gases, fumes and vapors**

**J68.1 Pulmonary edema due to chemicals, gases, fumes and vapors**

**J68.2 Upper respiratory inflammation due to chemicals, gases, fumes and vapors, not elsewhere classified**

**J68.3 Other acute and subacute respiratory conditions due to chemicals, gases, fumes and vapors**

**J68.4 Chronic respiratory conditions due to chemicals, gases, fumes and vapors**

**J68.8 Other respiratory conditions due to chemicals, gases, fumes and vapors**

**J68.9 Unspecified respiratory condition due to chemicals, gases, fumes and vapors**

**J69.0 Pneumonitis due to inhalation of food and vomit**

**J69.1 Pneumonitis due to inhalation of oils and essences**

**J69.8 Pneumonitis due to inhalation of other solids and liquids**

**J70.0 Acute pulmonary manifestations due to radiation**

**J70.1 Chronic and other pulmonary manifestations due to radiation**

**J70.2 Acute drug-induced interstitial lung disorders**

**J70.3 Chronic drug-induced interstitial lung disorders**

**J70.4 Drug-induced interstitial lung disorders, unspecified**

**J70.5 Respiratory conditions due to smoke inhalation**

**J70.8 Respiratory conditions due to other specified external agents**

**J70.9 Respiratory conditions due to unspecified external agent**