



## ***Reimbursement for Portable Oxygen Contents***

Effective October 1, 2022, Louisiana Medicaid has updated the quantity coverage for gaseous portable oxygen contents. Enrollees are now allowed monthly supplies of multiple units of portable oxygen for medical appointments and treatment. Additionally, enrollees under the age of 21 are also allowed multiple units of portable oxygen for travel to and from school. Please see updates below:

- Medical necessity is needed for authorization of monthly supplies of portable oxygen.
- Monthly supplies of multiple units of portable oxygen refills, are allowed if determined to be medically necessary.
  - Examples of medical necessity for refills include, but are not limited to, multiple visits for radiation or chemotherapy as well as travel to and from school for beneficiaries under 21 years of age.
- Providers must be reimbursed the rate on file for the date of service for each authorized unit within a month.
- To adhere to the CMS National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) edits, only 1 unit per Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code for portable oxygen contents is allowed per claim line regardless of the date(s) of service. Multiple claim lines for the HCPCS code for portable oxygen contents may be billed for the same dates of service.

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan (UHC) will make system updates, notify providers and recycle any claims that were impacted by this change within 60 days of this notice. Please contact UHC for claim related questions at 1-866-675-1607.

Questions about fee-for-service claims should be directed to Gainwell Technologies Provider Relations at (800) 473-2783 or (225) 924-5040.

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