

WAC 182-552-1000 Covered—Respiratory and ventilator equipment and supplies. (1) The medicaid agency covers the rental of a ventilator, equipment, and disposable ventilator supplies when the client requires periodic or continuous mechanical ventilation for the treatment of chronic respiratory failure resulting from hypoxemia or hypercapnia.

(2) The agency's payment for the monthly rental includes ventilator maintenance and accessories including, but not limited to, humidifiers, nebulizers, alarms, temperature probes, batteries, chargers, adapters, connectors, fittings, tubing, disposable circuits, and filters. The agency does not pay separately for ventilator accessories unless the client owns the ventilator system, see subsection (5) of this section.

(3) To receive payment, ventilators, equipment, and related disposable supplies must:

(a) Be used exclusively by the client for whom it is requested;

(b) Be FDA-approved; and

(c) Not be included in any other reimbursement methodology such as, but not limited to, a diagnosis-related group (DRG).

(4) The agency pays for a back-up (secondary) ventilator at fifty percent of the monthly rental rate when one or more of the following clinical criteria are met:

(a) The client cannot maintain spontaneous or adequate ventilations for four or more consecutive hours;

(b) The client lives in an area where a replacement ventilator cannot be provided within two hours;

(c) The client requires mechanical ventilation during mobility as prescribed in their plan of care.

(5) The agency pays for the purchase of the following replacement ventilator accessories only for client-owned ventilator systems:

(a) Gel-cell battery charger - One every twenty-four months;

(b) Gel-cell heavy-duty battery - One every twenty-four months;

(c) Battery cables - Once every twenty-four months; and

(d) Breathing circuits - Four every thirty days.

(6) All ventilators require expedited prior authorization (EPA), as described in WAC 182-552-1375.

(a) At the time of authorization, the following information must be documented in the client's record and made available to the agency upon request:

(i) Medical history, unless request is for continuation of services;

(ii) Diagnosis and degree of impairment;

(iii) Degree of ventilatory support required; and

(iv) Ventilator settings and parameters including mode and type of ventilator ordered at the time of the authorization.

(b) If the client has no clinical potential for being weaned from ventilatory support, the EPA is valid for twelve months;

(c) If the client has the potential to be weaned, the EPA is valid for six months.

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