



Dear Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Provider,

Effective April 3, 2020, throughout the duration of the COVID-19 state of emergency in Colorado, prior authorization requirements for oxygen therapy, positive airway pressure devices, respiratory assist devices, ventilators, suction devices, nebulizers and oxygen related supplies that are emergently provided for COVID-19 treatment are being waived. This applies to any diagnosed person with COVID-19 or suspected person under investigation for COVID-19.

Providers must include the 'CR' modifier to designate that the requested item or service is related to treating a member who is diagnosed/suspected with COVID-19 to have these services be reimbursed without prior authorization.

The Colorado interChange is being updated to bypass the prior authorization requirement for the applicable DME codes when the claim type is Professional (M) or Professional Medicare Crossover (B), the billing provider contract is Supply, and modifier CR is submitted on the claim. Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes allowed under this policy are listed on the [Durable Medical Equipment \(DME\) and Oxygen Supplies web page](#). Note: Some codes listed do not require prior authorization.

Visit the [Durable Medical Equipment \(DME\) and Oxygen Supplies web page](#) for updates or contact the [Provider Services Call Center](#) at 1-844-235-2387 for more information.

Thank you,

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