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Encl:- As Above.

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सं-प्रशा/14/19015/सरकारी आदेश/या.भ/छु.या.रि/चिकित्सा No. AN/XIV/19015/Govt. Orders/TA/DA/LTC/Medical दिनांक: 02/08/2021

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उपरोक्त विषय पर भारत सरकार, स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय, स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण विभाग, के दिनांक 27.05.2021 के कार्यालय ज्ञापन पत्र सं-S.14025/55/2019-EHS की प्रति सूचना, मार्गदर्शन एवं अनुपालन हेतु प्रेषित की जाती है।

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- 9. महासचिव, ए.आई.डी.ए.ई.ए.(मु.) कोलकाता { द्वारा प्रधान नियंत्रक लेखा (फैक्ट्री) कोलकाता ।

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लेखा अधिकारी(प्रशा.)

No. S.14025/55/2019-EHS Government of India Ministry of Health & Family Welfare Department of Health & Family Welfare **EHS Section** \*\*\*\*

> Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi Dated: the 27th May, 2021

### OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub:- Revision of guidelines regarding provision of CPAP / BiPAP / Oxygen concentrator, in respect of CS(MA) beneficiaries for

domiciliary use.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the Office Memorandum No. S.14025/6/2006-MS dated 19th May, 2006 issued by this Department on the above subject. The matter has been reviewed in this Ministry and the following guidelines have been framed for considering requests for permission to purchase Oxygen Concentrator/BiPAP/CPAP etc. by CS(MA) beneficiaries and regulating reimbursement of cost of such machines to the CS(MA) beneficiaries:

- Request of the beneficiary should be accompanied with the relevant proforma prescribed for the machine, duly filled up by the treating physician (specimen copy of proforma attached). The treating physician should carefully read the laid down guidelines before filling up the respective columns of the Proforma. Actual value of all the parameters mentioned in Proforma should invariably be entered and complete basic investigation reports must be attached.
  - A. Arterial blood gas report taken while the patient is in stable condition and is breathing room air (in case of oxygen concentrator and bi-level ventilator supplier system).
  - B. Detailed in-lab-level-I polysomnography report (including all the tracings and tables) in case of recommendation for CPAP and Bi-level CPAP.
- (ii) As these machines are life saving devices and have a maximum life of five years, these will be allowed to be replaced again after a period of five years certificate by the service engineer regarding the un-serviceability/condemnation/ of the earlier machine.

- (iii) The beneficiary has also to submit an undertaking to the effect that he has not claimed reimbursement of the cost of the machine in the last five years (copy of format for the affidavit and the undertaking is enclosed).
- (iv) Individual requests for permission/ replacement / ex-post facto approval shall be considered by the screening committee consisting of DDG(M), Dte.GHS and two Medical Specialists in the concerned field.
- The maximum ceiling limit for reimburgement will be as following:

a Daygen Concentrator	Rs. 45,000 GST
5. CPAP	Rs. 45,000/-+ GST
c. Bi-level CPAP	Rs. 68,000/- + GST
d. Bi-level Ventilatory System	Rs. 1,05,000/- + GST

- (vi) The above ceiling limits include cost of maintenance with spare parts for a period of five years. No request for reimbursement of cost of maintenance/parts will be entertained.
- (vii) Request for replacement of machine after completion of five years will need to be advised and processed in the same manner as for the first machine.
- (viii) Request for permission/ex-post facto approval of these machines, complete in all respect as mentioned above may be sent to Directorate General Health Services.
- 2. This Office Memorandum supersedes all earlier instruction issued on this subject. These instructions shall take effect from the date of issue of this Office Memorandum i.e. all requests under this OM should have advice for these machines subsequent to the issue of this OM.
- 5. This issues with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare vide concurrence Dairy No. 2188, dated 23rd December, 2020.



(Sandeep Kumar) Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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#### UNDERTAKING

I the undersigned, do hereby declare that, I have not purchased any CPAP/BIPAP/ Oxygen Concentrator machine, in the past five years at Government expenses.

- 1. Name: Stramban Caraman meson training And Andrews
  - 2. Office I.D. NO:
  - 3. Name of Department/ Ministry:
  - 4. Address of Applicant / Mobile:

Dated:

Signature of the Applicant.

# afficient for BIPAP / CPAP / Oxygen Concentrator Machine Working in the Department/ Ministry..... do solemnly affirm and declare that a way in contrast a second and a second a second and a second a second and a second a second and a second and a second and a The CPAP / BIPAP / Oxygen concentrator machine has been advised by Dr. ...... Hospital ...... in r 10 ..... I undertake to return CPAP / BIPAP / Oxygen concentrator machine in good working condition to Directorate. General Health Services, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi, after its utility is over. The responsibility for maintenance and upkeep of the machine will lie with me. I shall not claim Expenditure incurred, if any, on upkeep and maintenance of the machine. I will submit the claim at ceiling / approved rates and the remaining amount, if any, will be borne by me. I have enclosed a complete sleep lab report / ABC Report and performa duly filled by treating specialist. I shall not use the aforesaid machine for any other purpose except treatment of

EXAMPLES BEING PRESCRIBED CONTINUOUS POSITIVE STATE FRESSURE (CPAP) DEVICE (To be filled by the treating

Cartification Type: Initial/ Revised

- L. Patient Name
- 2. Age of Patient
- 3. Physician Name
- 4. Address of physician
- 5. Telephone No of Physician
- 6. (a) Brief history and physical findings
  - (b) co-morbidity (if any) e.g. COPD, diabetes mellitus etc...

(c) Whether accompanied by symptoms of

	Excessive daytime s	leepiness		. :			*	Yes/No	6
	Snoring			:	,			Yes/No	
13	Impaired cognition		;		*			Yes/No	
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	Hypertension, ische	mic heart	dises	se	or		34		
	Stroke (specify if Yes	1						Van INT	

7. Laboratory data (specify date against each parameter

Hematocrit

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- (a) Date of sleep study
- (b) Address of sleep-laboratory /facility
- [c] Duration of diagnostic NPSG study (in hours)
- d Parameters studied during polysomnography

	Electro-encephalogram	Yeal No
	Electro-oculogram	Yes/No
0	Electro-myogram	Yes/No
	Oro-nasal airflow	Yes/No
	. Chest & abdominal wall effort	Yes/No
, 0	Body position	Yes/No
D	Snore microphone	Yes/No
	Electro-cardiogram	Yes/No
	Oxyhemoglobin saturation	Yes/No

- (c) Average number of obstructive events per hours of recorded sleep (in case of standard as well as split NPSG)
  - (i) Obstructive apnocat
  - (ii) hypopnea\*\*
  - (iii) Flow limitations.\*\*\*
  - (iv) RERA
- (f) Respiratory Distress Index (RDI)
- 9. Date of CPAP titration study
- CPAP pressure (in cm H<sub>2</sub>O) prescribed (to abolish obstructive apnoeas, hypopneas, RERAs and snoring in all sleep positions and sleep stages);
- 11. Supplemental oxygen (flow rate or FiOa):
- 12. Final Diagnosis.

I certify that the medical necessity information is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I have carefully gone through the note for prescribers before filling up this proforma.

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Upper airway resistance syndrome (UARS): is an abnormal breathing pattern during sleep that is associated with isolated daytime sleepiness not explained by any other cause, including the obstructive sleep apnoea/hypopnea syndrome. Essential features include (a) the clinical complaint of excessive daytime sleepiness; (b) an elevated EEG arousal index (more than ten per hour of sleep) with arousals related to increased respiratory efforts as measured by continuous nocturnal monitoring of esophageal pressures; (c) a normal RDI of less than 5 events per hour of sleep. Supportive features include (a) the clinical complaint of snoring (b) an increase in snoring intensity prior to EEG arousals and (c) clinical improvement with a short term trial of masal CPAP therapy.

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# CPAP treatment is indicated in the following situations:

The treatment of obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) in adults is considered zedically necessary for patients who meet either of the following citeria on polysomnography:

1. Apnea Hypopnea Index (AHI) or a respiratory disturbance index (RDI) greater than or equal to 15 events per hour; OR

2. AHI (or RDI) greater than or equal to 5; and less than 15 events per hour with documentation demonstrating any of the following symptoms:

o Excessive daytime sleepiness, as documented by either a score of greater than 10 on the Epworth Sleepiness scale or inappropriate daytime napping, (e.g., during driving, conversation or eating) or sleepiness that interferes with daily activities; or

o Impaired cognition or mood disorders; or

Hypertension; or

Ischemic heart disease or history of stroke; or

Cardiac arrhythmias, or

Pulmonary hypertension.

The AHI is equal to the average number of episodes of apnea and hypopnea per hour and must be based on a minimum of two hours of sleep recorded by polysomnography using actual recorded hours of sleep, (i.e., the AHI may not be extrapolated or projected).

har Made Halling Note: For the purposes of this recommendation, the terms apnea hypopnea index (AHI) and respiratory disturbance index (RDI) are interchangeable, although they may differ slightly in clinical use; an AHI/RDI greater than 30 is consistent with severe obstructive sleep apnea. In some cases, respiratory effort related arousals for RERAS) are included in the RDI value. These RERA episodes represent EEG arousais associated with increased respiratory efforts but do not qualify as aprieto of hypopheto episodes because of the absence of their defining air flow changes and or levels of oxygen desaturation. MEDICAL NECESSITY TO BE ISSUED TO CS(MA)

BEING PRESCRIBED BILEVEL CONTINUOUS

AIRWAY PRESSURE (BI-LEVEL CPAP) / BI-LEVEL

TOTAL SUPPORT SYSTEM (To be Jilled by the treating)

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Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) (e.g. chronic disease), emphysema, bronchiectasis) with symptoms (such as fatigue, morning headache etc) and one of the following: (a) PaCO2 > 55 and breathing patient's usual FiO2 (b) PaCO2 of 50 and meter and preathing patient's usual FiO2 (b) PaCO2 of 50 and minutes while receiving oxygen therapy > 2 LPM; (c) PaCO2 of 50 and 12 month period) and hospitalization related to recurrent (> 2 in a 12 month period) episodes of hypercapneic respiratory failure; optimal management with bronchodilators, oxygen when indicated must have been ensured; obstructive sleep apnoea must have been excluded by polysomnography and there should preferably be an evidence of sustained hypoventilation as shown by prolonged episodes of desaturation during sleep.

(III) Nocturnal hypoventilation from additional disorders (alveolar hypoventilation; identification, identific

## Indications for humidification

- (vi) Positive Airway Pressure more than 12 cm water
- (vii) Recurrent and intractable nasal stuffiness and blockage
- (viii) Severe dryness of throat

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BI-LEVEL CPAP is indicated in the followin geonditions:

BI-LEVEL CPAP is a device used mainly four servere cases of OSA.

Bilevel CPAP (with IPAP 4-22 cm water) and EPAP 4-22 cm water)

I. When CPAP pressure requirement is greater than 16 cm

II. Oral leaks become uncontrollablea # sub-therapeutic pressure after trying humidifier, chin strap & positive pressure therapy.

III. Pressure of central apneas due to to whigh pressures.

IV. When patient cannot tolerate CPAP after ensuring the problem is not due to oral leaks, dryness, masal congestion, interface problem or claustrophobia.

V. Patients with persistent hypoxia and/or hypercaphia after

treatment with CPAP

BI-LEVEL Ventilatory support system is inclinated in the following

Bilevel CPAP (with IPAP 4-30 cm water) and EPA F4-30 cm water)

(I) Restrictive Thoracic Discase: (e.g. scilled of policy spinal cord injury neuropathies, myopathies and dystrophies amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, chest wall deformities and kyphoscolosis, post thoracoplasty

MEDICAL NECESSITY TO BE ISSUED TO CS(MA)

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Documented cardiovascular disease like-Hypertension, ischemic heart disease or Stroke (specify if Yes) Yes/No . Yes/No .

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7. Laboratory data (specify date against each parameter):

Hematocrit

RCC

X-ray Chest

Echocardiography (wherever necessary

For diagnostic as well as for titration):

the symptoms and manifestations of hypoxic or non-

#### Indications's

Home oxygen therapy is considered medically necessary in the following

- 1. Chronic Hypoxia (generally long-term use). The conditions with which this may be associated include, but are not limited to:
  - c Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
    - o Diffuse interstitial lung disease
  - : p Bronchiectasis
  - o Widespread pulmonary neoplasm
  - o Pulmonary hypertension
  - o Recurring congestive heart failure due to chronic cor pulmonale

The following laboratory values, obtained while breathing ambient air, will be presumptive evidence for hypoxia:

#### Adults:

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- Arterial partial pressure of oxygen (PaO2) less than or equal to 55mmHg or arterial oxygen saturation (SaO2) less than or equal to 88%
- PaO2 levels between 56 and 59 or SaO2 89% in the presence of pulmonary hypertension, cor pulmonale, edema secondary to right heart failure, or erythrocytosis with hematocrit greater than 55%

#### Note:

- 1. Patients who desaturate to an SaO2 less than or equal to 88% only during exercise and who demonstrate improvement in both the hypoxia and dyspnea and/or exercise capacity when using O2 are candidates for supplemental O2 during exercise only
- 2. Patients who desaturate only during sleep to an SaO2 of less than or equal to 88% for more than 30% of the night or with evidence of otherwise unexplained pulmonary hypertension; core pulmonale, edema secondary to right heart failure for erythrocytosis with

hematocrit greater than 55%, and in whom obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) and other noctumal apnea or hypoventilation syndromes have been ruled out or, if OSA present, have persistent desaturation despite correction of AHI (RDI) by CPAP, are lates for nocturnal O2. e coygen (PaO2) less than or equal to medically necessary only medical needs of an individual who