

Changes to the BPAP Benefit for Specialty Suppliers

This bulletin outlines several changes to the AADL BPAP program that will be effective on July 1, 2015:

- ◆ Changes to the BPAP Approved Product List
- ◆ Implementation of the *Comprehensive Plan for BPAP Therapy Form*
- ◆ Modification of the *Request for BPAP Funding for Adults with Neuromuscular, Musculoskeletal, or Spinal Cord Conditions Form*
- ◆ Modification of the *Request for BPAP Funding Extension Form*
- ◆ List of Revised BPAP Forms

Changes to the BPAP Approved Product List

Effective July 1, 2015, BPAP interface systems will be categorized as full face mask, nasal mask, and nasal pillows (including headgear) and along with all other accessories that have been assigned standardized pricing. There are 4 different AADL client groups eligible for BPAP supply funding. The supply list, catalogue numbers, and quantity and frequency limits are different depending on the client group. The classifications of the client groups are as follows:

Group A – For BPAP clients on the new Service Delivery Model (SDM) that have 2 BPAPs:

- ◆ This group is for clients that have two BPAPs on the new SDM.
- ◆ Clients are eligible for one interface system per benefit year, in addition to the interface system funding that is included in the client's Ongoing Service Fee.
- ◆ Pricing of the interface system is a flat fee of \$205 (refer to BPAP APL section A).
- ◆ When a 2nd BPAP was approved by RBP, the provider can add the Cat# in section A (Q008) to client's Ongoing Equipment BPAP authorization.

Group B – For clients who received BPAP funding prior to July 1, 2014 now enrolled into the new SDM:

- ◆ This group covers BPAP clients enrolled into the new SDM with Ongoing Service catalogue number due to non warranty equipment replacement or non extensive clinical support.
- ◆ Clients are eligible for one interface system for the first 12 months from the new enrollment date. It is a one-time payment. After that time, it is expected that contracted providers will provide ongoing replacement of the interface system and other BPAP supplies under the Ongoing Service funding.
- ◆ Pricing of the interface system is a flat fee of \$205 (refer to BPAP APL section B).
- ◆ For clients who were enrolled into the new SDM from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 and a claim has not been submitted for the interface system since their new enrollment, their Auth# for the Cat# in section B will be faxed to their current BPAP provider by July 15, 2015.



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- ◆ When a new enrollment is approved by RBP after July 1, 2015, the authorization for the Cat# in section B will be created by RBP and the Auth# for the supply will be provided on the approval.

Group C – For clients whose BPAP is NOT on the new SDM:

- ◆ This group covers BPAP clients NOT enrolled into the new SDM yet.
 - ◆ Exception to this is clients who have 2 BPAPs: one serviced through the old SDM and the second one serviced through the new SDM. This category of clients will get their BPAP supplies as clients in Group C.
- ◆ Clients are eligible for one interface system per year and they are also eligible for other BPAP accessories funding (e.g. filters, tubing, humidifier chamber, O₂ converter, chin strap and headgear).
- ◆ Pricing of the supplies are standardized.
- ◆ For catalogue number, quantity, frequency limit and pricing of the supplies, refer to BPAP APL section C.
- ◆ Auth# for Cat# in section C will be the same as the Auth# for Q038. However, Cat# in section C will be replacing Cat# Q038. Cat# Q038 will be end dated to June 30, 2015 and the Cat# in section C will be added with a start date of July 1, 2015 by AADL system data fix.
- ◆ Providers can use the current BPAP supply Auth# to submit claim for BPAP supplies provided to clients after July 1, 2015. If the client is not receiving the supply from the last provider, client is required to call RBP for a provider change.
- ◆ As of July 1, 2015, no prior approval for BPAP supplies will be required.

Group D – For clients requiring an interface with a ventilator:

- ◆ This group is for Clients that use an interface system with their ventilator during the day and/or at night.
- ◆ Clients are eligible for one interface system per year and they are also eligible for headgear and chin strap funding.
- ◆ Pricing of the supplies are standardized.
- ◆ For catalogue number, quantity, frequency limit and pricing of the supplies, refer to BPAP APL section D.
- ◆ Quantity will be increased to 2 per year if clients have 2 ventilators.
- ◆ An Auth# for Cat# in section D for current clients requiring an interface system with their ventilator will be faxed to the provider who last provided supply to the clients by July 15, 2015.
- ◆ For new clients, RBP will create the Auth# for the supply and the provider will be required to call RBP for the Auth# when supply is requested by the client.

For clients whose BPAP was started on the new SDM (and they have only one BPAP), their BPAP supply funding required for the initiation period is covered under Initiation or Reinstruction Service fee and the ongoing BPAP supply funding is covered under Ongoing Service fee. Therefore, they are not eligible for BPAP supply funding as listed on the BPAP APL section A to D.

Implementation of the *Comprehensive Plan for BPAP Therapy Form*

Effective July 1, 2015, the *Comprehensive Plan for BPAP Therapy* form will be replacing the *BPAP Re-Assessment* form. This new form is completed if the BPAP provider is requesting a short term funding extension (e.g. after the initiation period) and when client has not achieved BPAP compliance of at least 4 hours per day for 70% of the time. The BPAP provider must fax this form **and** the *Request for BPAP Funding Extension* form to RBP for a funding extension request. This form was developed after consulting with the BPAP providers and RBP Consultants. It is agreed that it would be more beneficial for the BPAP providers to develop a plan to achieve compliance with input from the client's physician, clinician in the sleep clinic or other healthcare professionals.

Client or Individual for client's signature is required. If it is missing, the BPAP funding extension request will not be processed.

Modification of the *Request for BPAP Funding for Adults with Neuromuscular, Musculoskeletal or Spinal Cord Conditions Form*

In consultation with the RBP Clinical Advisory Committee, the eligibility criteria have been revised for BPAP funding for clients with neuromuscular, musculoskeletal, and spinal cord conditions. This BPAP funding request form has been modified so that it can be used for clients (age 18 or older) with rapidly progressive neuromuscular conditions or clients with stable/slowly progressive neuromuscular, musculoskeletal or spinal cord conditions. For the complete updates and funding criteria, refer to AADL Bulletin #2, July 1, 2015.

Modification of the *Request for BPAP Funding Extension Form*

The *Request for BPAP Funding Extension* form has been modified to remind the BPAP providers of the following items:

- 1) Fax all 3 pages of the form to RBP.
- 2) Provide the BPAP Authorization Number instead of the approval or reference number on page 1, bullet 6. The BPAP Authorization Number refers to the number generated by the system when the authorization for BPAP is created.
- 3) Attach compliance download with a 1-2 page compliance summary on page 2, bullet 7.
- 4) Replace the references to the *BPAP Re-Assessment* form to the *Comprehensive Plan for BPAP Therapy* on page 3.

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List of Revised BPAP Forms

As a result of the updates posted on the AADL Bulletin #1 and #2 for July 1, 2015, the following BPAP forms have been updated or created:

- 1) *BPAP Client's Roles and Responsibilities*
- 2) *Prescription and Request for BPAP Funding for Adults with Neuromuscular, Musculoskeletal or Spinal Cord Conditions*
- 3) *Prescription and Request for BPAP Funding for Adults with Sleep Disordered Breathing*
- 4) *Prescription and Request for BPAP Funding for Adults with Sleep Disordered Breathing (No PSG)*
- 5) *Prescription and Request for BPAP Funding for Pediatric Clients*
- 6) *Prescription and Request for BPAP Funding for Clients Requiring a Restart of BPAP Therapy*
- 7) *Request for BPAP Funding for Clients with BPAP Approved Prior to July 1, 2014*
- 8) *Prescription and Request for BPAP Funding for an Additional BPAP Device*
- 9) *Request for BPAP Funding Extension*
- 10) *Comprehensive Plan for BPAP Therapy (New Form)*

Please start using the new or revised BPAP forms on July 1, 2015. They can be accessed at the following link: <http://www.health.alberta.ca/services/AADL-forms-docs.html>

- ◆ AADL will host a Q&A teleconference session regarding these changes on Thursday June 18, 2014 from 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm.

Enrollment is restricted to 40 participants, on a first-come, first-served basis. If you wish to attend, please contact Ms. Andrea Waywanko at andrea.waywanko@gov.ab.ca. You will then be sent the teleconference ID# and password one week prior to the session. Please submit any specific questions to Ms. Waywanko ahead of time.