

Alberta Aids to Daily Living

Bulletin #74

Updates to Respiratory Policy and Procedures Manual

Effective August 27, 2019

Oximetry strips are no longer mandatory submissions. Oximetry reports will be accepted from a computer-generated report from a download from an oximeter. Oximetry reports must include:

- Client name & PHN
- Date of assessment
- Monitoring time (i.e. length of time of each intervention)
- Client condition (at rest, on exertion, post exertion, etc.)
- On/off oxygen, O2 flowrate
- Oximeter model
- RRT signature

Effective Sept. 23, 2019,

RH2, RH4, WT-REQ, & PATT adjudication was transferred to Alberta Blue Cross. Policy has been updated to reflect this transition.

Effective October 1, 2019

Policy R-11: The appeal policy has been updated with submission and process instructions for both physicians and specialty suppliers. Appeal decision timeframes were also added to policy.

Policy R-5: The safety policy has been updated to provide information to help promote safe use of oxygen in clients' homes.

Policy R-17: Wording has been updated to reflect authorization adjudication done by Alberta Blue Cross

Effective November 4, 2019

Policy R – 14, Resting Hypoxemia was reformatted into Section A, Criteria, and Section B, Authorization Process. The highlights of the changes include:

- An appendix has been added to include definitions for Severe Lung Disease, PAP Compliance, and the requirements for a full oximetry report.
- If client is ≥ 90 years old, pulmonary function tests will not be required.
- RH2 requirements have been revised. The following conditions have been removed as qualifiers: jugular venous distension, hepatomegaly, peripheral edema.
- RE1, exceptional funding, has removed the BMI requirement.
- Full oximetry reports will only be required for funding authorizations that do not use an arterial blood gas results for adjudication.
- For RH5 and RH6 (new), language changed to reflect adjudication transfer to Alberta Blue Cross.