

INTERMITTENT POSITIVE PRESSURE TREATMENT

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I. PROCEDURE CODES

94650-94652

II. DESCRIPTION

Intermittent positive pressure breathing (IPPB) treatment consists of the use of a pressure limited respirator to deliver a gas, with or without humidity and/or an aerosol solution, at various preset intervals to mechanically aid lung expansion, to deliver drugs, or to assist respiration. IPPB is commonly administered through a mouthpiece for short periods of time.

III. POLICY

IPPB treatment may be cost-shared for the following indications for patients:

1. At risk of respiratory failure because of decreased respiratory function secondary to kyphoscoliosis or neuromuscular disorder; or
2. With acute severe bronchospasm or exacerbated chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), who fail to respond to other standard therapy; or
3. Requiring management of atelectasis that has not improved with simpler therapy (e.g., incentive spirometry, postural drainage, aerosol therapy).

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