

## OXYGEN AND RELATED SUPPLIES

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### I. APPLICABILITY

This policy is mandatory for reimbursement of services provided by either network or non-network providers. However, alternative network reimbursement methodologies are permitted when approved by TMA and specifically included in the network provider agreement.

### II. ISSUE

How are oxygen and supplies related to the use of oxygen to be reimbursed?

### III. POLICY

A. Payments may be made for oxygen and for the rental of the oxygen tank.

B. The tank rental charge is usually a monthly (30 day) charge and shall be determined by the contractor using the allowable charge methodology.

C. Oxygen concentrators are to be cost-shared on a rental basis. The DME cost-sharing policy will not apply even though the purchase price for this equipment has been reached.

D. Cost-sharing on a rental basis is necessary as oxygen concentrators require frequent periodic maintenance and frequent checks to ensure that the liter flow setting of the oxygen concentrator has not been altered.

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