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## INVASIVE VENTILATOR PROGRAM

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This is a re-issue of the Invasive Ventilator Program bulletin that was originally published March 13, 2014.

### **Invasive Ventilator Program (IVP)**

The MO HealthNet Division (MHD), in collaboration with the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), has implemented the Invasive Ventilator Program. This program provides additional reimbursement to nursing facilities in the State of Missouri for care of ventilator dependent participants. To assist with the increased financial obligations that accompany the proper care of a ventilator dependent participant, the IVP will provide an increased payment amount in addition to the per diem rate of authorized nursing facilities. This additional payment will be made for each ventilator dependent participant for prior authorized dates of services. The IVP will be limited to adults, age 21 and over, who are dependent on an invasive ventilator as a means of life support. Facilities will receive an additional per diem amount of \$150.00 for each participant approved by MHD for providers who participate in the IVP.

### **Provider Participation in the IVP**

Nursing facilities wishing to participate in the IVP must submit an [Invasive Ventilator Program Provider Agreement](#) to Missouri Medicaid Audit and Compliance (MMAC), Provider Enrollment Unit. The form is available on the [MMAC website](#). The MMAC Provider Enrollment Unit will update the provider's file to allow the increased per diem payment, when prior authorized.

### **Prior Authorization of IVP Participant Placement in a Missouri Nursing Facility**

Prior Authorization (PA) must be obtained through MO HealthNet prior to the placement of a ventilator dependent participant in a skilled nursing facility. The PA must be initiated by an authorized medical provider who has evaluated the medical needs of the individual. Authorized providers include physicians, advanced practice nurses, respiratory therapists, hospitals, or skilled nursing facilities. The PA will document that the participant meets the criteria for the IVP and will allow the nursing facility to receive their additional payment for the participant. If the PA is not obtained, the additional payment will not be added to the facility's per diem rate.

The PA period will be approved for the duration of the physician's prescription for invasive ventilation. If the invasive ventilator is used for weaning purposes, a PA must be completed every ninety (90) days to ensure individual still meet the requirements for participation in this program. To request a PA for a participant, complete the Invasive Ventilator Program Prior Authorization Request Form available at [MO HealthNet Forms](#) on the [MO HealthNet website](#) and fax to MHD Invasive Ventilator Program at (573) 526-3946.

### **Participant Placement in an Out-of-State Nursing Facility**

Federal Regulation, 42 CFR 435.403, addresses state approved placement of an individual in an out-of-state institution. It specifies that when placement is initiated by the State because of a lack of sufficient number of facilities to provide the necessary care, the individual remains a resident of the state making the placement for Medicaid purposes. As a result, MO HealthNet is financially responsible for the care provided in that out-of-state institution.

All placements in an out-of-state skilled nursing facility must first be approved by MHD. Approval will only be made if the appropriate level of care for the participant cannot be provided within the state of Missouri. Requests for out-of-state placement must be made by faxing the completed Invasive Ventilator Program Prior Authorization Request Form to MHD Invasive Ventilator Program at (573)526-3946.

**Provider Bulletins** are available on the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) (Formerly the Division of Medical Services) Web site at <http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/providers/pages/bulletins.htm>. Bulletins will remain on the Provider Bulletins page only until incorporated into the [provider manuals](#) as appropriate, then moved to the Archived Bulletin page.

**MO HealthNet News:** Providers and other interested parties are urged to go to the MHD Web site at <http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/global/pages/mednewssubscribe.htm> to subscribe to the electronic mailing list to receive automatic notifications of provider bulletins, provider manual updates, and other official MO HealthNet communications via E-mail.

**MO HealthNet Managed Care:** The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service
- Services not included in MO HealthNet Managed Care

Questions regarding MO HealthNet Managed Care benefits should be directed to the patient's MO HealthNet Managed Care health plan. Before delivering a service, please check the patient's eligibility status by swiping the MO HealthNet card or by calling the Provider Communications Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 573-751-2896 and using Option One for the red or white card.

**Provider Communications Hotline**  
**573-751-2896**