



## MO HealthNet PA Criteria

Medical Procedure Class:	<b>OXIMETER DEVICE FOR MEASURING BLOOD OXYGEN LEVELS NON-INVASIVELY – E0445EPRR</b>
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**New Criteria**

**Revision of Existing Criteria**

## Executive Summary

<b>Purpose:</b>	To allow a more consistent and streamlined process for authorization of oximeter device for measuring blood oxygen levels non-invasively.	
<b>Why was this Issue Selected:</b>	Senate Bill 577 passed by the 94 <sup>th</sup> General Assembly directs MO HealthNet to utilize an electronic web-based system to authorize durable medical equipment using best medical evidence and care and treatment guidelines, consistent with national standards to verify medical need.	
<b>Procedures subject to Pre-Certification</b>	E0445EPRR: Oximeter device for measuring blood oxygen levels non-invasively	
<b>Setting &amp; Population:</b>	MO HealthNet fee-for-service participants under 21 years of age	
<b>Data Sources:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Medicare LCD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MHN Policy

## Setting & Population

All MO HealthNet fee-for-service patients under 21 years of age.

## Approval Criteria

Participant is under 21 years of age and one of the following categories apply:

1. Prescriber must indicate the equipment is for continuous or intermittent use and:
  - The participant is dependent upon both a ventilator (without built-in pulse oximeter) and supplemental oxygen; or
  - The participant has a tracheostomy and is dependent upon supplemental oxygen; or
  - The participant requires supplemental oxygen and has unstable saturations; or
  - The participant requires supplemental oxygen and weaning is in process.
2. The participant has an appropriately documented respiratory diagnosis and requires short-term oximetry to rule out hypoxemia. (maximum of seven (7) days of coverage)

Criteria for equipment must include all of the following:

- battery backup
- alarm systems (not required for short-term use [maximum of 7 days] to rule out hypoxemia)
- memory
- capacity to print downloaded oximeter readings

## Denial Criteria

The approval criteria are not met.

## Quantity Limitation

E0445EPRR – 12 months of rental

## Approval Period

Rental: 0-12 months (based on prescriber specified length of need up to 12 months)

When ruling out hypoxemia, the prescriber specified length of need up to 7 days.

## Appendix A: Potential Step1 and Step 2 Questions

**\*\*The following questions may be encountered as part of the approval and denial criteria. Depending on the patient's history and the way previous questions may be answered, not every question may be asked for every patient and may not be encountered in the exact order below.**

1. Does participant's medical record document the need for supplemental oxygen?

2. Is Oximeter needed for short-term use (7day maximum) to rule out hypoxemia?
3. Does participant's medical record document respiratory diagnosis?
4. What is duration of need? \_\_\_\_\_ days
5. Oximeter is for continuous or intermittent use?
6. Does participant's medical record document unstable oxygen saturations?
7. Is participant in the oxygen weaning process?
8. Has participant had a tracheostomy?
9. Is participant ventilator dependent?
10. Does the ventilator have a built in oximeter?
11. Does oximeter have battery backup?
12. Does oximeter have memory and capacity to print downloaded oximeter readings?