



MO HealthNet Pre-Certification Criteria

Medical Procedure Class:	Suction Pump, Respiratory – E0600NU, E0600RR
Implementation Date:	January 15, 2009

New Criteria

Revision of Existing Criteria

Executive Summary

Purpose:	To allow a more consistent and streamlined process for authorization of respiratory suction pumps.	
Why was this Issue Selected:	Senate Bill 577 passed by the 94 th 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.	
Procedures subject to Pre-Certification	E0600 – Respiratory Suction Pump, home model, portable or stationary, electric	
Setting & Population:	All MO HealthNet fee-for-service participants	
Data Sources:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medicare LCD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MHN Policy

Setting & Population

All MO HealthNet fee-for-service patients

Approval Criteria

A respiratory suction pump is covered for patients who have difficulty coughing and clearing secretions secondary to:

- Cancer or surgery of the throat or mouth
- Dysfunction of the swallowing muscles
- Tracheostomy
- Altered level of consciousness

Denial Criteria

Will be denied if the approval criteria are not met

Quantity Limitation

E0600NU – purchase – 1 unit
E0600RR – rental – for months 1-9

Approval Period

E0600NU – 90 days
E0600RR – physician specified length of need 1-9 months

Appendix A: Potential Questions for Step 1 and Step 2

****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.**

1. Does the patient have difficulty coughing and clearing secretions?
2. Is difficulty due to cancer or surgery of the throat or mouth?
3. Is difficulty due to dysfunction of the swallowing muscles?
4. What is the duration of need? _____
5. Is difficulty due to a tracheostomy?
6. Is difficulty due to an altered level of consciousness?
7. Is there a written signed and dated physician's order for a respiratory suction pump?