

Medical Necessity Guidelines: Oxygen and Respiratory Therapy Equipment

Effective: October 21, 2020

Prior Authorization Required If <u>REQUIRED</u> , submit supporting clinical documentation pertinent to service request.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Applies to: COMMERCIAL Products</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Tufts Health Plan Commercial products; Fax: 617.972.9409</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Tufts Health Freedom Plan products; Fax: 617.972.9409</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CareLinkSM – Refer to CareLink Procedures, Services and Items Requiring Prior Authorization <p>TUFTS HEALTH PUBLIC PLANS Products</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tufts Health Direct – A Massachusetts Qualified Health Plan (QHP) (a commercial product); Fax: 888.415.9055</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tufts Health Together – MassHealth MCO Plan and Accountable Care Partnership Plans; Fax: 888.415.9055</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tufts Health RITogether – A Rhode Island Medicaid Plan; Fax: 857.304.6404</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tufts Health Unify* – OneCare Plan (a dual-eligible product); Fax: 857.304.6304</p> <p>*The MNG applies to Tufts Health Unify members unless a less restrictive LCD or NCD exists.</p> <p>SENIOR Products</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tufts Health Plan Senior Care Options (SCO), (a dual-eligible product) – Refer to the Tufts Health Plan SCO Prior Authorization List Tufts Medicare Preferred HMO, (a Medicare Advantage product) – Refer to the Tufts Medicare Preferred HMO Prior Authorization and Inpatient Notification List 	
<p>To obtain InterQual® SmartSheets™:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tufts Health Plan Commercial Plan products and Tufts Health Freedom Plan products: If you are a registered Tufts Health Plan provider click here to access the Provider website. If you are not a Tufts Health Plan provider please click on the Provider Log-in and follow instructions to register on the Provider website or call Provider Services at 888.884.2404. Tufts Health Public Plans products: InterQual SmartSheet(s) available as part of the prior authorization process. 	

Note: While you may not be the provider responsible for obtaining prior authorization, as a condition of payment you will need to make sure that prior authorization has been obtained.

The following InterQual SmartSheets are to be used when requesting prior authorization for Oxygen and Respiratory Therapy Equipment.

- Home Oxygen Therapy, Portable System**
- Home Oxygen Therapy, Stationary System**

CODES

Durable medical equipment requiring prior authorization:

Tufts Health Plan will be using InterQual SmartSheet(s) for the following equipment and associated HCPCS code(s).

HOME OXYGEN THERAPY, PORTABLE SYSTEM

The following HCPCS codes require prior authorization:

Code	Description
E0430	Portable gaseous oxygen system, purchase; includes regulator, flowmeter, humidifier, cannula or mask, and tubing
E0431	Portable gaseous oxygen system, rental; includes portable container, regulator, flowmeter, humidifier, cannula or mask, and tubing

Code	Description
E0433	Portable liquid oxygen system, rental; home liquefier used to fill portable liquid oxygen containers, includes portable containers, regulator, flowmeter, humidifier, cannula or mask and tubing, with or without supply reservoir and contents gauge
E0434	Portable liquid oxygen system, rental; includes portable container, supply reservoir, humidifier, flowmeter, refill adaptor, contents gauge, cannula or mask, and tubing
E0435	Portable liquid oxygen system, purchase; includes portable container, supply reservoir, flowmeter, humidifier, contents gauge, cannula or mask, tubing and refill adaptor
E0443	Portable oxygen contents, gaseous, 1 month's supply = 1 unit
E0444	Portable oxygen contents, liquid, 1 month's supply = 1 unit
E1391	Oxygen concentrator, dual delivery port, capable of delivering 85 percent or greater oxygen concentration at the prescribed flow rate, each
K0738	Portable gaseous oxygen system, rental; home compressor used to fill portable oxygen cylinders; includes portable containers, regulator, flowmeter, humidifier, cannula or mask, and tubing

HOME OXYGEN THERAPY, STATIONARY SYSTEM

The following HCPCS codes require prior authorization:

Code	Description
E0424	Stationary compressed gaseous oxygen system, rental; includes container, contents, regulator, flowmeter, humidifier, nebulizer, cannula or mask, and tubing
E0425	Stationary compressed gas system, purchase; includes regulator, flowmeter, humidifier, nebulizer, cannula or mask, and tubing
E0439	Stationary liquid oxygen system, rental; includes container, contents, regulator, flowmeter, humidifier, nebulizer, cannula or mask, & tubing
E0440	Stationary liquid oxygen system, purchase; includes use of reservoir, contents indicator, regulator, flowmeter, humidifier, nebulizer, cannula or mask, and tubing
E0441	Stationary oxygen contents, gaseous, 1 month's supply = 1 unit
E0442	Stationary oxygen contents, liquid, 1 month's supply = 1 unit
E1390	Oxygen concentrator, single delivery port, capable of delivering 85 percent or greater oxygen concentration at the prescribed flow rate
E1391	Oxygen concentrator, dual delivery port, capable of delivering 85 percent or greater oxygen concentration at the prescribed flow rate, each

APPROVAL HISTORY

August 16, 2014: Reviewed by Tufts Health Plan – Network Health Utilization Management Committee.

Subsequent Endorsement Date(s) and Changes Made:

- January 1, 2015: Tufts Health Plan-Network Health product application information included in this document.
- August 12, 2015: Reviewed by Integrated Medical Policy Advisory Committee (IMPAC), renewed without changes.
- September 2015: Branding and template change to distinguish Tufts Health Plan products in "Applies to" section. Added Tufts Health Freedom Plan products, effective January 1, 2016.
- September 14, 2016: Reviewed by IMPAC, renewed without changes
- April 2017: Added RITogether Plan product to template. For MNGs applicable to RITogether, effective date is August 1, 2017
- August 9, 2017: Reviewed by IMPAC, renewed without changes
- August 22, 2018: Reviewed by IMPAC, renewed without changes
- October 10, 2018: Reviewed by IMPAC, renewed without changes
- October, 2018: Template and disclaimer updated
- December 17, 2018: 2018.2 InterQual® upgrade for Tufts Health Direct and Tufts Health Together. Effective January 14, 2019, InterQual® upgrade for Tufts Health RITogether.
- September 18, 2019: Reviewed by IMPAC, renewed without changes
- October 16, 2019: Reviewed by IMPAC, renewed without changes
- October 21, 2020: Reviewed by IMPAC, renewed without changes

- December 5, 2020: Fax number for Unify updated

BACKGROUND, PRODUCT AND DISCLAIMER INFORMATION

Medical Necessity Guidelines are developed to determine coverage for benefits, and are published to provide a better understanding of the basis upon which coverage decisions are made. We make coverage decisions using these guidelines, along with the Member's benefit document, and in coordination with the Member's physician(s) on a case-by-case basis considering the individual Member's health care needs.

Medical Necessity Guidelines are developed for selected therapeutic or diagnostic services found to be safe and proven effective in a limited, defined population of patients or clinical circumstances. They include concise clinical coverage criteria based on current literature review, consultation with practicing physicians in our service area who are medical experts in the particular field, FDA and other government agency policies, and standards adopted by national accreditation organizations. We revise and update Medical Necessity Guidelines annually, or more frequently if new evidence becomes available that suggests needed revisions.

For self-insured plans, coverage may vary depending on the terms of the benefit document. If a discrepancy exists between a Medical Necessity Guideline and a self-insured Member's benefit document, the provisions of the benefit document will govern.

Treating providers are solely responsible for the medical advice and treatment of Members. The use of this guideline is not a guarantee of payment or a final prediction of how specific claim(s) will be adjudicated. Claims payment is subject to eligibility and benefits on the date of service, coordination of benefits, referral/authorization, utilization management guidelines when applicable, and adherence to plan policies, plan procedures, and claims editing logic.