



**VETERANS AFFAIRS CANADA  
PROGRAM OF CHOICE (POC) 09 – OXYGEN THERAPY  
ALL PROVINCES AND TERRITORIES**

September 2024

Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) wishes to advise you of updates to existing benefits and the introduction of two (2) new benefit codes under Program of Choice (POC) 09 – Oxygen Therapy, **effective October 1, 2024.**

**The following revisions are effective October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

<b>Benefit Code</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Revision</b>	<b>Benefit Information</b>
343720	VENTILATOR (RESPIRATOR) – PURCHASE	New	<b>Pre-Authorization:</b> FNSO <b>Prescriber:</b> MD, NP <b>Recommender:</b> N/A <b>Frequency:</b> N/A <b>Limit:</b> N/A
343719	VENTILATOR (RESPIRATOR) – RENTAL	New	<b>Pre-Authorization:</b> FNSO <b>Prescriber:</b> MD, NP <b>Recommender:</b> N/A <b>Frequency:</b> N/A <b>Limit:</b> N/A
342042	BI-LEVEL POSITIVE AIRWAY PRESSURE (BI-PAP) BREATHING DEVICE - PURCHASE	Updated	<b>Pre-Authorization:</b> FNSO <b>Prescriber:</b> MD, NP <b>Recommender:</b> IM, RP, ES, N, PC <b>Frequency:</b> 1 / 5 CY <b>Limit:</b> N/A
343011	CONTINUOUS POSITIVE AIRWAY PRESSURE DEVICE / AUTOMATIC POSITIVE AIRWAY PRESSURE DEVICE (CPAP/APAP) - PURCHASE	Updated	<b>Pre-Authorization:</b> FNSO <b>Prescriber:</b> MD, NP <b>Recommender:</b> IM, RP, ES, N, PC <b>Frequency:</b> 1 / 5 CY <b>Limit:</b> \$2500
343514	REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE TO RESPIRATORY EQUIPMENT	Renamed	<b>Pre-Authorization:</b> FNSO, MAC <b>Prescriber:</b> N/A <b>Recommender:</b> N/A <b>Frequency:</b> N/A <b>Limit:</b> \$300 / CY
342035	OTHER POSITIVE AIRWAY PRESSURE (PAP) DEVICE- PURCHASE	Terminated	

342036	OTHER POSITIVE AIRWAY PRESSURE(PAP) DEVICE-RENTAL	Terminated	
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The following benefit code should be used for APAP Purchases		
Benefit Code	Description	Benefit Information
343011	CONTINUOUS POSITIVE AIRWAY PRESSURE DEVICE / AUTOMATIC POSITIVE AIRWAY PRESSURE DEVICE (CPAP/APAP) - PURCHASE	<b>Pre-authorization:</b> FNSO <b>Prescriber:</b> MD NP <b>Recommender:</b> IM, RP, ES, N, PC <b>Frequency:</b> 1 / 5 CY <b>Limit:</b> \$2500

The following benefit code should be used for APAP Rentals		
Benefit Code	Description	Benefit Information
343014	CONTINUOUS POSITIVE AIRWAY PRESSURE DEVICE / AUTOMATIC POSITIVE AIRWAY PRESSURE DEVICE (CPAP /APAP) - RENTAL	<b>Pre-authorization:</b> FNSO <b>Prescriber:</b> MD NP <b>Recommender:</b> IM, RP, ES, N, PC <b>Frequency:</b> 4 / 4 CM <b>Limit:</b> N/A

**Providers shall charge the lesser of the rate charged by the provider to any patient paying cash for the same service/product or up to the maximum rate contained in the benefit grids.**

For details pertaining to fees and claims submission requirements, please refer to the Claims Submission Agreement and related supporting documentation found on the Medavie Blue Cross website at [www.medaviebc.ca](http://www.medaviebc.ca) and click on the Health Professionals link. On our website you will also find important information on how to:

- register to access our secure ePay provider portal by clicking on the Register or Update link;
- sign up for direct deposit; and
- view provider guides and benefit grids, download provider payment schedules and other important information.

Should you or your members have any questions, please contact Medavie Blue Cross at 1-888-261-4033.

Thank you for the ongoing care and service you provide to our Veterans.