



**ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE (RCMP)
PROGRAM OF CHOICE (POC) 09 – OXYGEN THERAPY
(ALL PROVINCES)
BENEFIT GRID UPDATE – EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2012**

March 2012

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) has recently completed a review of the Benefit Grid for Program of Choice (POC) 09 – Oxygen Therapy. The updates include the addition of a new benefit code, changes to existing benefits (effective April 1, 2012), as well as the termination of benefit codes (effective June 30, 2012).

NEW BENEFIT CODES IMPLEMENTED AS OF APRIL 1, 2012		
CODE	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS
342042	NASAL POSITIVE PRESSURE BREATHING DEVICE – BiPAP (BI-LEVEL POSITIVE AIRWAY PRESSURE) – PURCHASE	Pre-authorization Required: Yes Prescriber Required: ES, RP, MD Frequency: No Dollar Limit: No

Providers will be reimbursed their usual and customary charges to a maximum of the dollar limits indicated on the benefit grid.

All benefit codes under Program of Choice (POC) 09 – Oxygen Therapy not mentioned in this bulletin remain unchanged.

Should you have any questions, please contact your regional Blue Cross office Provider Inquiry Line toll free at 1-888-261-4033.

In the future we would like to communicate with you by e-mail. Please visit the Medavie Blue Cross website at www.medavie.bluecross.ca and click on the *Health Professionals* link, then scroll down to the *Update Your Contact Information* link. Enter your information on the Provider Application page to send us your e-mail address or to update other contact information. Your e-mail address will be added to our electronic mailing list and will only be used to keep you up to date on important changes to programs and benefits (i.e. rates, frequencies, etc.) via e-mail. You can also visit the Blue Cross website to view all provider bulletins, and to download and print forms (i.e. claim forms).

Thank you for the ongoing care and service you provide to the members of the RCMP.

Abbreviations

CM = Calendar Month

ES = Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist/Oto-Rhino-Laryngologist

MD = Medical Doctor

RP = Respiratory Medicine Specialist

RT = Respiratory Therapist

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NEW ENTITLEMENT RULES /CHANGE IN DESCRIPTION * IMPLEMENTED AS OF APRIL 1, 2012		
CODE	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS
343011	* NASAL POSITIVE PRESSURE BREATHING DEVICE – CPAP (CONTINUOUS POSITIVE AIRWAY PRESSURE) – PURCHASE	Pre-authorization Required: No (removed) Prescriber Required: ES, RP, MD Frequency: 1/36 CM (added) Dollar Limit: \$2300 (added)
343514	REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE TO RESPIRATORY EQUIPMENT	Pre-authorization Required: Yes (added) Prescriber Required: MD, RT Frequency: No Dollar Limit: No
343450	* RESPIRATORY SUPPLIES – MINOR (E.G. TUBING, MASKS, FILTERS, CANNULAS)	Pre-authorization Required: No Prescriber Required: MD, RT Frequency: No Dollar Limit: No
342011	* SHIPPING AND HANDLING CHARGES	Pre-authorization Required: No Prescriber Required: No Frequency: No Dollar Limit: No
343017	* SLEEP APNEA ORAL APPLIANCE	Pre-authorization Required: Yes Prescriber Required: ES, RP, MD Frequency: No Dollar Limit: No

THE FOLLOWING CODES ARE <u>TERMINATED</u> ON JUNE 30, 2012 :	
CODE	DESCRIPTION
342699	OXYGEN – OTHER ESSENTIAL OXYGEN BENEFITS – PURCHASE
342693	OXYGEN – OTHER ESSENTIAL OXYGEN BENEFITS – RENTAL
343714	VENTILATOR (RESPIRATOR) – PURCHASE
343719	VENTILATOR (RESPIRATOR) – RENTAL