

Prior authorization for BiPAP equipment and supplies moving from AIM Specialty Health effective July 1, 2020

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AIM Specialty Health® (AIM) currently performs utilization management review for bi-level positive airway pressure (BiPAP) equipment and all associated supplies. Beginning July 1, 2020, the following codes will require prior authorization with Anthem rather than with AIM.

Lines of business: Individual Medicare Advantage, Group Retiree Solutions, and Medicare-Medicaid Plans

E0470	Respiratory assist device, bi-level pressure capability, without back-up rate feature, used with noninvasive interface, such as a nasal or facial mask (intermittent assist device with continuous positive airway pressure device)
E0471	Respiratory assist device, bi-level pressure capability, with back-up rate feature, used with noninvasive interface, such as a nasal or facial mask (intermittent assist device with continuous positive airway pressure device)

AIM will continue to manage the supply codes for automatic positive airway pressure (APAP) and continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) requests.

We will continue to follow the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency orders from CMS until the waivers no longer apply. If the Public Health Emergency Orders are no longer in place beginning July 1, 2020, the following codes will require prior authorization with Anthem rather than with AIM when used in combination with the BiPAP codes above.

Precertification requests

Submit precertification requests via:

- Fax: 866-959-1537
- Phone: Please dial the customer service number on the back of the member’s card, identify yourself as a provider and follow the prompts to reach the correct precertification team. There are multiple prompts; select the prompt that fits the description for the authorization you plan to request.

- Web: Use the Availity Web Tool by following this link:
<https://apps.availity.com/availity/web/public.elegant.login>

A4604	Tubing with heating element
A7046	Water chamber for humidifier, replacement, each
A7027	Combination Oral/Nasal Mask used with positive airway pressure device, each
A7030	Full Face Mask used with positive airway pressure device, each
A7031	Face Mask Cushion, Replacement for Full Face Mask
A7034	Nasal Interface (mask or cannula type), used with positive airway pressure device, with/without head strap
A7035	Headgear
A7036	Chinstrap
A7037	Tubing
A7039	Filter, non-disposable
A7044	Oral Interface for Positive Airway Pressure Therapy
A7045	Replacement Exhalation Port for PAP Therapy
A7028	Oral Cushion, Replacement for Combination Oral/Nasal Mask, each
A7029	Nasal Pillows, Replacement for Combination Oral/Nasal Mask, pair
A7032	Replacement Cushion for Nasal Application Device
A7033	Replacement Pillows for Nasal Application Device, pair
A7038	Filter, disposable

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