

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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- **“Independent Diagnostic Testing Facility (IDTF)”** Fact Sheet, ICN 909060, Downloadable only. This fact sheet is designed to provide education on requirements for the Independent Diagnostic Testing Facility (IDTF). It includes information on enrollment, the effective date of billing privileges, billing issues, ordering of tests, place of service issues and requirements for multi-state IDTFs, physicians, and technicians.

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### Accreditation for Ventilators

#### Provider Types Affected

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This MLN Matters® Special Edition is intended for suppliers who submit claims to Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MACs) for items provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

#### Provider Action Needed

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This article alerts providers that all items in the ventilator policy group at: <https://www.dmepdac.com/resources/reports.html> are included in the DME frequent and substantial servicing payment classification for items requiring frequent and substantial servicing, and should not be confused with Positive Airway Pressure (PAP) devices such as Continuous PAP devices or Bi-level PAP devices.

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The ventilator policy group includes ventilators used with both invasive and non-invasive interfaces which are classified by law as requiring frequent and substantial servicing in order to avoid risk to the patient's health. The Medicare monthly rental amount for these ventilators includes payment for the equipment and all related items and services necessary to ensure that the patient has access to equipment in good working order at all times. More information can be found at <http://www.medicarenhic.com/viewdoc.aspx?id=2653> on the Internet.

If you are a supplier who furnishes or intends to furnish ventilators, you should contact a [CMS-approved accreditation organization](#) to ensure you meet all necessary accreditation requirements.

## Background

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Section 1834(a)(3) of the Social Security Act defines the items requiring frequent and substantial servicing and excludes PAP devices. PAP devices produce positive airway pressure used in the treatment of conditions specified in both National and Local Coverage Determinations, and are reimbursed as capped-rental items. These devices include both Continuous PAP devices and Bi-level PAP devices:

- HCPCS code E0601 - Continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) device; and
- HCPCS code E0470 - Respiratory assist device, bi-level pressure capability, **without** backup rate feature, used with noninvasive interface, e.g. nasal or facial mask (intermittent assist device with continuous positive airway pressure device); and
- HCPCS code E0471 - Respiratory assist device, bi-level pressure capability, **with** back-up rate feature, used with noninvasive interface, e.g., nasal or facial mask (intermittent assist device with continuous positive airway pressure device)

To further distinguish ventilators from PAP devices, CMS is revising the descriptor language on the [855S application form](#) for ventilators. This revision will also make clear that suppliers who furnish ventilators must meet all applicable requirements for accreditation such as ensuring that frequent and substantial servicing is provided so that the patient has access to functioning equipment at all times.

## Key Points

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Most suppliers who currently furnish products in the ventilator policy group to Medicare beneficiaries are already in compliance with the ventilator accreditation requirements and Appendix A of the DMEPOS Quality Standards at <http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network->

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[MLN/MLNProducts/downloads/DMEPOS\\_Qual\\_Stand\\_Booklet\\_ICN905709.pdf](#) on the CMS website.

The accreditation organizations will require all suppliers who furnish HCPCS codes in the ventilator policy group to meet accreditation requirements for items classified as frequent and substantial servicing, to ensure the beneficiary has access to functioning equipment at all times. Suppliers who submit claims with dates of service on or after October 1, 2015, must be in compliance with these accreditation requirements and Appendix A of the DMEPOS Quality Standards. After this date, Medicare suppliers furnishing products in the ventilator policy group that are not in compliance must stop furnishing these items to Medicare beneficiaries until these requirements are met.

### Additional Information

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If you have any questions, please contact your MAC at their toll-free number. That number is available at <http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Net/work-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/index.html> under - How Does It Work.

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