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# Program Memorandum Carriers

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**SUBJECT: Systems Changes for New Oxygen Testing Requirements**

Section 4105 of the Medicare Carriers Manual contains new testing requirements for initial certifications for Group I and II oxygen patients. This new requirement states that Group I and II patients must be tested within 30 days prior to the date of initial certification. Systems changes will be required to add online edits to compare the test date to the initial date.

**The *effective date* for this Program Memorandum (PM) is October 1, 2001.**

**The *implementation date* for this PM is October 1, 2001.**

**These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.**

**This PM may be discarded October 1, 2002.**

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