NEBULIZERS AND INHALATION DRUGS

Iloprost (Q4074) and Treprostinil (J7686) Inhalation Solution Controlled Dose Inhalation Drug Delivery System (K0730) and Small Volume Ultrasonic Nebulizer (E0574)

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

If the claim contains K0730, a 5 Element Order (5EO) must be obtained prior to delivery.

- Element order contains:
  - Beneficiary’s name
  - Prescribing physician/practitioner’s NPI
  - A description of the item of DME ordered - the description can be either a general description (e.g., wheelchair or hospital bed), a HCPCS code, a HCPCS code narrative, or a brand name/model number
  - Signature of the prescribing physician/practitioner
  - Order date

- The 5EO must be completed within six (6) months after the required face-to-face examination
- The date of the written order shall be on or before the date of delivery
- Any changes or corrections have been initialed/signed and dated by the ordering practitioner.

Documentation of Dispensing Order (preliminary written or verbal order) for Q4074, J7686, or E0574 that contains:

- Description of the item
- Prescribing physician/practitioner’s name
- Name of the beneficiary
- Date of the order
- Prescribing physician/practitioner’s signature (if a written order) or supplier signature (if verbal order)

NOTE: If the claim includes a controlled dose inhalation drug delivery system (K0730), a 5EO must be obtained prior to delivery. A controlled dose inhalation drug delivery system cannot be delivered based on a dispensing order. A dispensing order for related supplies and inhalation drugs is only required if these items are dispensed prior to obtaining the detailed written order.

Detailed Written Order (original, faxed or copied) that contains:

- Beneficiary’s name
- Prescribing physician/practitioner’s signature (and date if applicable*)
- The date of the order
- A description of all items, options, accessories or additional features that are separately billed or require an upgraded code. The description can be either a general description (e.g., wheelchair or hospital bed), a HCPCS code, a HCPCS code narrative, or a brand name/model number.
- For supplies – list all supplies that are separately billable, and for each include the frequency of use (if applicable), and the quantity dispensed
For drugs used as a supply for a DME item, the written order must include:

- The name of the drug and the concentration of the drug in the dispensed solution (Example: Iloprost 10 mcg/1mL.)
- Administration instructions specify the amount of solution and the frequency of use (Example: 0.5 mL every 2 hours during waking hours – not to exceed 9 times per day)
- Quantity to be dispensed
- Number of refills
- Any changes or corrections have been initialed/signed and dated by the ordering physician
- Physician’s signature on the written order meets CMS Signature Requirements

Refill Request

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<td>□ Name of person contacted (if someone other than the beneficiary include this person's relationship to the beneficiary)</td>
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Delivery Documentation

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A common reference number (package ID #, PO #, etc.) links the invoice and tracking slip (may be handwritten on one or both forms by the supplier)
NOTE: If a supplier utilizes a shipping service or mail order, suppliers have two options for the DOS to use on the claim:
1. Suppliers may use the shipping date as the DOS. The shipping date is defined as the date the delivery/shipping service label is created or the date the item is retrieved by the shipping service for delivery. However, such dates should not demonstrate significant variation.
2. Suppliers may use the date of delivery as the DOS on the claim.

Claims for a Controlled Dose Drug Delivery System (K0730)
☐ The medical records include a face-to-face examination by the treating physician that meets the following requirements:
   • The examination occurred within 6 months prior to the date of the written order that was obtained prior to delivery; and
   • The examination documents that the beneficiary was evaluated and/or treated for pulmonary hypertension and needs a K0730 in order to deliver Iloprost (Q4074).

Claims for a Small Volume Ultrasonic Nebulizer (E0574)
☐ The device is being used to administer treprostinil inhalation solution (J7686)

Claims for Treprostinil Inhalation Solution (J7686) and Iloprost (Q4074)
☐ The medical records support that the beneficiary has pulmonary artery hypertension; and
☐ The pulmonary hypertension is not secondary to pulmonary venous hypertension (e.g., left sided atrial or ventricular disease, left sided valvular heart disease, etc) or disorders of the respiratory system (e.g., chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, interstitial lung disease, obstructive sleep apnea or other sleep disordered breathing, alveolar hypoventilation disorders, etc.), and
☐ The beneficiary has primary pulmonary hypertension or pulmonary hypertension which is secondary to one of the following conditions: connective tissue disease, thromboembolic disease of the pulmonary arteries, human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection, cirrhosis, anorexigens or congenital left to right shunts. If these conditions are present, the medical record must show that all the following criteria are met:
   • The pulmonary hypertension has progressed despite maximal medical and/or surgical treatment of the identified condition; and
   • The mean pulmonary artery pressure is greater than 25 mm Hg at rest or greater than 30 mm Hg with exertion; and
   • The beneficiary has significant symptoms from the pulmonary hypertension (i.e., severe dyspnea on exertion, and either fatigability, angina, or syncope); and
   • Treatment with oral calcium channel blocking agents has been tried and failed, or has been considered and ruled out.

Continued Medical Need for the Equipment/Accessories/Supplies is verified by either:
☐ A refill order from the treating physician dated within 12 months of the date of service under review; or
☐ A change in prescription dated within 12 months of the date of service under review; or
☐ A medical record, dated within 12 months of the date of service under review, that shows usage of the item.

REMINDEERS
- If all the coverage criteria have been met for K0730, Q4074, E0574 or J7686, a KX modifier must be added to the code(s).
- If all of the coverage criteria have not been met, the GA or GZ modifier must be added
to the code. When there is an expectation of a medical necessity denial, suppliers must enter GA on the claim line if they have obtained a properly executed Advance Beneficiary Notice (ABN) or GZ if they have not obtained a valid ABN.

- Claim lines for K0730, Q4074, E0574 or J7686 billed without a KX, GA, or GZ modifier will be rejected as missing information.
- If a controlled dose inhalation drug delivery system (K0730) is used to administer any inhalation solution other than lioprost (Q4074), the claim will be denied as not reasonable and necessary.
- Items with no physician or other licensed health care provider order must be submitted with an “EY” modifier added to each affected HCPCS code.
- If a small volume nebulizer (E0574) is used to administer any inhalation solution other than Treprostinil (J7686), the claim will be denied as not reasonable and necessary.

**ONLINE RESOURCES**

- **DME MAC Supplier Manual**
- **Nebulizer LCD and Policy Article**
  - JB: [https://www.cgsmedicare.com/jb/coverage/lcdinfo.html](https://www.cgsmedicare.com/jb/coverage/lcdinfo.html)
  - JC: [https://www.cgsmedicare.com/jc/coverage/LCDinfo.html](https://www.cgsmedicare.com/jc/coverage/LCDinfo.html)
- **Nebulizer Resources**
  - JB: [https://www.cgsmedicare.com/jb/mr/nebulizer_resources.html](https://www.cgsmedicare.com/jb/mr/nebulizer_resources.html)
  - JC: [https://www.cgsmedicare.com/jc/mr/nebulizer_resources.html](https://www.cgsmedicare.com/jc/mr/nebulizer_resources.html)

**NOTE:** It is expected that the beneficiary’s medical records will reflect the need for the care provided. These records are not routinely submitted to the DME MAC but must be available upon request. Therefore, while it is not a requirement, it is a recommendation that suppliers obtain and review the appropriate medical records and maintain a copy in the beneficiary’s file.

Additionally, while the nebulizer drug LCD does not require suppliers who only provide the nebulizer to keep a file copy of the written order for the drug(s), it is strongly recommended that the supplier do so. In the event of a claim audit by the DME MAC, CERT, RAC or ZPIC contractor, documentation the supplier will be required to submit an order to verify the medical necessity for the nebulizer will include a copy of the detailed written order for the drug(s). Failure to provide the written order in a timely manner could result in denial of the claim.

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