Medical Policy:
High Frequency Chest Wall Oscillation Devices and Intrapulmonary Percussive Ventilators (Commercial)

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**Definition**

| High Frequency Chest Wall Oscillation (HFCWO) | A high frequency chest wall oscillation device (HFCWO) is an airway clearance device consisting of an inflatable vest connected by tubes to a small air-pulse generator. |

**Guideline**

Members are eligible for coverage of HFCWO for any of the following conditions/diagnoses:

1. Acid maltase deficiency
2. Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis
3. Anterior horn cell diseases
4. Bronchiectasis
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5. Cystic fibrosis
6. Hereditary muscular dystrophy
7. Multiple sclerosis
8. Myotonic disorders
9. Other myopathies
10. Paralysis of the diaphragm
11. Post-polio
12. Quadriplegia
13. Any neuromuscular disease disorder with ineffective cough
14. Members with a gastrostomy tube and risk of aspiration if manual chest physical therapy (PT) is indicated on a case by case basis when other methods of daily chest PT have been tried and failed

Well-documented failure of standard treatments to adequately mobilize retained secretions must be made available to the Plan upon request

Limitation/Exclusion
High frequency chest wall oscillation devices are not covered for any conditions other than those listed above.
Intrapulmonary percussive ventilators (IPV) (e.g., the Impulsator F00012) are considered experimental and investigational for all indications due to insufficient evidence of therapeutic value (including but not limited to bronchiectasis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease [COPD], cystic fibrosis, neuromuscular conditions associated with retained airway secretions or atelectasis, and post-operative pulmonary complications)

Coding Criteria:
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| Applicable CPT and Diagnosis Codes |

References


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