

MEDICAL PRE-AUTHORIZATION CRITERIA

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PROCEDURE/ EQUIPMENT	Pulmonary Rehabilitation
CPT/HCPCS CODES	G0237, G0238, G0239, G0424
CRITERIA	<p>MUST MEET <u>ALL</u> OF THE FOLLOWING:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The program must be evidence-based, multi-disciplinary and have comprehensive interventions for the patient with an individualized treatment plan. 2. Prior to requesting pulmonary rehab the management of the beneficiary has optimized the following treatment modalities: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Smoking Cessation b. Pharmacological Therapy c. Oxygen Therapy d. Nutrition counseling e. Lung Volume Reduction surgery f. Evaluation and treatment of sleep disorders 3. The beneficiary has mild to severe chronic lung disease as evidenced by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Mild is FEV1/FVC <70% and FEV1 > 80% of predicated with or without chronic symptoms of cough and/or sputum. b. Moderate: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. FEV1/FVC < 70% and FEV1 < 80% of predicted, or ii. FEV1 > 50% to < 80% of predicted, or iii. FEV1 > 30% to < 50% of predicted with or without chronic symptoms of cough and/or sputum c. Severe is FEV1/FVC < 70% FEV1 < 30% predicted or FEV1 < 50% predicted plus respiratory failure or clinical signs of right heart failure.
REFERENCES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CMS National Coverage Determination for Pulmonary Rehabilitation Services (240.8) effective 9/25/07 accessed at http://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/details/ncd-details.aspx?NCDId=320&ncdver=1&DocID=240.8&SearchType=Advanced&bc=IAAAA&AgAAAA& 2. CMS National Coverage Analysis for Pulmonary Rehabilitation (CAG-00356N) effective 9/25/07 accessed at http://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/details/nca-details.aspx?NCAId=199&ver=10&NcaName=Pulmonary+Rehabilitation&DocID=CAG-00356N&SearchType=Advanced&bc=IAAAA&AgAAAA& 3. Trikalinos TA, Raman G, Kupelnick B, et al. Pulmonary rehabilitation for COPD and other lung diseases. Technology Assessment. Prepared by the Tufts-New England Medical Center Evidence-Based Practice Center (EPC) for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). Rockville, MD: AHRQ; November 21, 2006. 4. Ries AL, Bauldoff GS, Carlin BW, et al. Pulmonary rehabilitation: Joint ACCP/AACVPR evidence-based clinical practice guidelines. Chest. 2007;131(5 Suppl):4S-42S. 5. Puhan M, Scharplatz M, Troosters T, et al. Pulmonary rehabilitation following exacerbations of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. Cochrane Database Syst Rev. 2009;(1):CD005305.

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NOT COVERED	CMS has determined that the Social Security Act (the Act) does not expressly define a comprehensive Pulmonary Rehabilitation Program as a Part B benefit.
MEDICAL DIRECTORS' COMMITTEE REVIEW HISTORY	11/09/11, 12/05/12, 05/07/14, 05/06/15, 07/06/16