

Medical Necessity Letter

Date: _____

To the _____ Insurance representative:

A new respiratory delivery device has come on the market that provides substantial advantages over other devices for oxygen dependent patients called the Apogee. It delivers 99% pure oxygen that matches the natural nasal cycle that occurs during breathing and so is twice as efficient as all other current devices which waste oxygen by sending half the oxygen to a closed nasal passage. We will be happy to explain this further if you give our office a call.

For my patient _____, I am asking for your company to pay for the purchase of the Apogee for reasons of Medical Necessity. The reason for the medical necessity need is as follows:

1. The patient has a low PO₂ even on high flow current therapy and the efficiency of the Apogee will likely increase the patient's PO₂. This will help the patient to feel more comfortable, have fewer secondary effects from periodic hypoxia, and be more active than the current therapy.
2. The patient has substantial pain or ulcerations in the nose due to the use of oxygen in both nostril all or almost all the time. The Apogee, following the nasal cycle only delivers oxygen to the open airway which allows the other side to rest, rehydrate, and heal.
3. The patient is bedridden or forced to stay home because of the inefficiencies and waste of oxygen of the current device the patient is using. With the Apogee, the patient will be able to be more active in the home, be able to go on walks and exercise more, and in general be more active which will likely increase the patient's life expectancy, quality of life, and general wellbeing.
4. The patient is severely depressed on his current therapy which limits his activity and interaction with family and friends