

Nebulizer, Medication (small Volume) Documentation Needs

The following documentation is required to be in clinic visit/therapy notes from the treating provider within 12 months of the prescription for consideration of payment.

The following documentation is required by Medicare to be in clinic visit note in order for Medicare to consider payment for a nebulizer.

Describe the patient's medical condition that requires the use of a nebulizer and supports one of the following:

1. It is reasonable and necessary to administer Albuterol, Arformoterol, Budesonide, Cromolyn, Formoterol, Ipratropium, Levalbuterol, or Metaproterenol for the management of obstructive pulmonary disease. Diagnosis codes: (group 8 on LCD- J41.0-J41.8, J42, J43.0-J43.9, J44.0-J44.9, J45.20-J45.998, AND J47.0-J70.9) with below medications:

albuterol (J7611, J7613)

arformoterol (J7605)

budesonide (J7626)

cromolyn (J7631)

formoterol (J7606)

ipratropium (J7644)

levalbuterol (J7612, J7614)

metaproterenol (J7669)

2. It is reasonable and necessary to administer Dornase alpha to a patient with cystic fibrosis. Diagnosis code: (group 9 on LCD- E84.0) and below medication:

dornase alpha (J7639)

3. It is reasonable and necessary to administer Tobramycin to a patient with cystic fibrosis or bronchiectasis. Diagnosis code: (group 10 on LCD-A15.0, E84.0, J47.0- J47.9, Q33.4) and below medications:

tobramycin (J7682)

4. It is reasonable and necessary to administer Pentamidine to a patient with HIV. Diagnosis code: (group 4 on LCD- B20, B59, AND T86.00-T86.99) and below medication:

pentamidine (J2545)

5. It is reasonable and necessary to administer Aetylcysteine for persistent thick or tenacious pulmonary secretions. Diagnosis code: (group 7 on LCD- A22.1, A37.01, A37.11, A37.81, A37.91, A48.1, B25.0, B44.0, B77.81, J09.X1-J09.X9, J10.00-J16.8, J18.0-J18.9, AND J40-J70.9) and below medications:

acetylcysteine (J7608)

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