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Positive Airway Pressure (PAP) Devices LCD Revision - January 2010

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The Positive Airway Pressure (PAP) Devices local coverage determination (LCD) has been revised, effective for dates of service (DOS) on or after January 1, 2010. The revision addresses physician credentialing and the interpretation of facility-based polysomnograms (PSG). The current policy requirement is based on the date of service the PAP device is dispensed. The revised policy requirement is based on the date of service of the facility-based polysomnogram. The consequences of this change are illustrated in the scenarios below:

Polysomnogram date: November 15, 2009 by a non-credentialed physician

PAP device initial DOS: January 15, 2010

Current Policy

Policy requires that for PAP devices with DOS on or after January 1, 2010, interpreting physician must meet credentialing requirements. PAP device would be denied since DOS for PAP claim is after 01/01/2010.

Revised Policy

Policy requires that physicians interpreting facility-based PSGs performed on or after January 1, 2010 must be credentialed. PAP device allowed since date of test is prior to effective date of 01/01/2010 for credentialing requirement.

Suppliers are encouraged to read the entire LCD and policy article for additional coverage, coding and documentation guidance.