

To: Physicians, Physician Assistants and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs)

From: Acelleron Medical Products

Date: May 31, 2017

Re: Face-to-Face Documentation for Nebulizers **(All insurances and Medicaid plans)**

Patient Visit Notes are now required to meet Face-to-Face Requirements for Nebulizer Compressor Kits – Effective Immediately

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) revised the federal regulation at 42 C.F.R. § 440.70 to require that no payment for nebulizers shall be made unless a face-to-face encounter with an enrolled physician, physician assistant, or APRN occurs.

This face-to-face encounter must:

- Be related to the primary reason the patient requires the nebulizer
- Occur between the patient and an enrolled physician, physician assistant, or APRN
- Take place on or before the date of the prescription/order, and be on or before the date of delivery
- Be within 6 months of the date on the prescription/order
- Include the clinical findings substantiating the need for the nebulizer
- Include the date, the name (including either hard copy or digital signature) and credentials of the physician, physician assistant or APRN who conducted the face-to-face encounter

Documentation Requirements

To demonstrate compliance with the face-to-face requirements as described above, the ordering physician, physician assistant, or APRN must maintain documentation in the health member's medical record and also provide documentation to Acelleron Medical Products substantiating that the face-to-face requirements have been met.

The Nebulizer Order and Patient Visit Notes MUST BE FAXED TOGETHER to 866-887-2580 prior to, or upon dispensing the nebulizer.

Should you have any questions regarding the amendment of this Federal Regulation please contact your account representative or email us at respiratory@acelleron.com .