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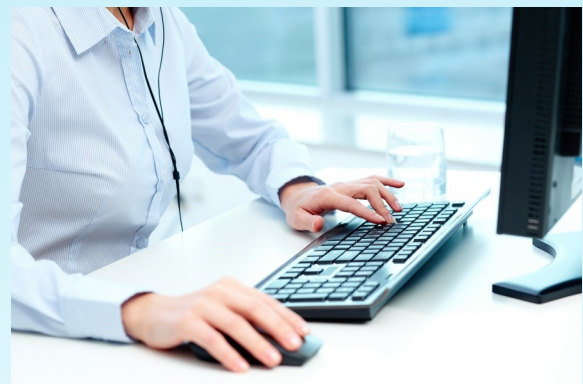
Note: This bulletin has been corrected. The first two codes in Table 1 were corrected from 94460 and 94462 to 94660 and 94662. See IHCP Bulletin [BT202386](#) for an update.

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IHCP extends suspension of MCE PA requirements for respiratory assist devices

The Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) removed managed care entity (MCE) prior authorization (PA) requirements for continued use of respiratory assist devices effective Aug. 1, 2022, and expiring Jan. 31, 2023, as published in *IHCP Bulletin* [BT202260](#). Instead, the IHCP will continue this suspension for another six months, with a new expiration date of July 31, 2023.

All specifications of the previous suspension will remain in place. Therefore, members with a **new** requirement for a respiratory assist device, including continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) and bi-level positive airway pressure (BiPAP) devices, will still require an initial PA if the device requires PA under their current coverage plan. Providers are also still required to document an attestation of medical necessity and a member's acknowledgment of usage compliance within the member's medical record.



However, MCEs cannot require PA for the **continued use** of respiratory assist devices listed in Table 1. Additionally, the IHCP clarifies that this guidance applies to not only respiratory assist devices but also supplies related to respiratory assistance. See Table 1 for specific procedure codes that are required to follow this suspension through July 31, 2023.

For more details on the motivations behind this suspension, see [BT202260](#).

Table 1 – Respiratory assist devices and supplies where continuation of services prior authorization is suspended through July 31, 2023

Procedure code	Description
94660	POS airway pressure CPAP
94662	Neg press ventilation CNP
E0424	Stationary compressed gas O2
E0431	Portable gaseous O2
E0433	Portable liquid oxygen sys
E0434	Portable liquid O2
E0439	Stationary liquid O2
E0441	Stationary O2 contents, gas
E0442	Stationary O2 contents, liq
E0443	Portable O2 contents, gas

Table 1 – Respiratory assist devices and supplies where continuation of services prior authorization is suspended through July 31, 2023 (Continued)

Procedure code	Description
E0444	Portable O2 contents, liquid
E0447	Port O2 cont, liq over 4 lpm
E0455	Oxygen tent excl croup/ped t
E0470	Respiratory assist device, bi-level pressure capability, without backup rate feature, used with noninvasive interface, e.g., nasal or facial mask (intermittent assist device with continuous positive airway pressure device)
E0471	Respiratory assist device, bi-level pressure capability, with back-up rate feature, used with noninvasive interface, e.g., nasal or facial mask (intermittent assist device with continuous positive airway pressure device)
E0472	Respiratory assist device, bi-level pressure capability, with backup rate feature, used with invasive interface, e.g., tracheostomy tube (intermittent assist device with continuous positive airway pressure device)
E0500	IPPB all types
E0561	Humidifier nonheated w PAP
E0562	Humidifier heated used w PAP
E0601	Continuous airway pressure device (CPAP/APAP)
E1390	Oxygen concentrator
E1391	Oxygen concentrator, dual
E1392	Portable oxygen concentrator
E1405	O2/water vapor enrich w/heat
E1406	O2/water vapor enrich w/o heat
K0738	Portable gas oxygen system

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