

Cardiorespiratory Monitor (CRM) Benefits to Change Effective March 1, 2017

Overview of Benefit Criteria Changes

- The age range for Cardiorespiratory Monitor (CRM) has been expanded to include clients 5 months of age and above, it is no longer limited to clients under the age of 21. CRM may be rented or purchased with prior authorization (Fee-For-Service).
- CRM with recording feature may be rented for a maximum of two months for Medicaid clients from birth to age 4 months without prior authorization.
- Providers are encouraged to read the Cardiorespiratory Monitor (CRM) rental and purchase limitations outlined in "Covered Procedure Codes and Benefit Limitations" table which can be found in the article titled "Benefit Criteria to Change for Respiratory Equipment and Supplies Effective March 1, 2017".

Cardiorespiratory Monitor (CRM)

A cardiorespiratory monitor *with* or *without* recording features (procedure codes L-E0618 and L-E0619) may be rented or purchased when medically necessary and may be considered for clients who require moment-to-moment cardiac and respiratory monitoring due to potential for sudden unexpected deterioration.

Age: Birth through Four Months

For infants who are birth through four months of age, a CRM *with* recording feature (procedure code E0619) may be considered for rental without prior authorization for a maximum of two months with documentation of the following:

- Central apnea (respiratory control disorders)
- Cardiac rhythm issues

NOTE: *The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends that infant monitoring using an infant CRM should not be used as a strategy to prevent sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS).*

If a two-month rental has expired *for infants who are birth through four months of age* and continued CRM is medically necessary, a submitted prior authorization (Fee-For-Service) request on a completed [Home Health Services \(Title XIX\) DME/Medical Supplies Physician Order Form](#) signed and dated by the client's treating physician (new with each request) must include the following:

- The client has on-going, documented cardiorespiratory episodes (e.g., apnea or dysrhythmia).
- A physician interpretation, signed and dated by the physician, of the most recent two-month's CRM data recorded downloads.

Age: Five Months and Above

A CRM *with* or *without* recording feature (procedure code E0618 or E0619) may be considered for prior authorization (Fee-For-Service) for rental or purchase *for clients*

who are five months of age and older when submitted with a completed [Home Health Services \(Title XIX\) DME/Medical Supplies Physician Order Form](#) signed and dated by the client's treating physician (new with each request) for one of the following conditions:

- An episode of apparent life-threatening event (ALTE) in an infant birth through 12 months of age
- Symptomatic central apnea
- Technology dependence such as:
 - Mechanical ventilation.
 - Tracheostomy with a critical airway obstruction.
 - Assisted ventilation dependence.
 - Cardiac dysrhythmia with significant risk of morbidity or mortality.

Providers may refer to “Benefit Criteria to Change for Respiratory Equipment and Supplies Effective March 1, 2017,” for quantity limitations information.