

## OXYGEN EQUIPMENT

- If the qualifying blood gas study is performed during an inpatient hospital stay, the reported test must be the one obtained closest to, but no earlier than 2 days prior to the hospital discharge date, or
  - If the qualifying blood gas study is not performed during an inpatient hospital stay, the reported test must be performed while the patient is in a chronic stable state - i.e., not during a period of acute illness or an exacerbation of their underlying disease, and
  - Alternative treatment measures have been tried or considered and deemed clinically ineffective
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- An arterial PO<sub>2</sub> at or below 55mmHg or an arterial oxygen sat at or below 88% taken at rest (awake),
  - An arterial PO<sub>2</sub> at or below 55 mm Hg, or an arterial oxygen saturation at or below 88%, for at least 5 minutes taken during sleep
  - An arterial PO<sub>2</sub> at or below 55 mm Hg or an arterial oxygen saturation at or below 88%, taken during exercise for a patient who demonstrates an arterial PO<sub>2</sub> at or above 56 mm Hg or an arterial oxygen saturation at or above 89 percent during the day while at rest
    - When oxygen is covered based on an oxygen study obtained during exercise, there must be documentation of three (3) oxygen studies in the patient's medical record - i.e., testing at rest without oxygen, testing during exercise without oxygen, and testing during exercise with oxygen applied

The blood gas study must be the most recent study obtained within 30 days prior to the Initial Date

A portable oxygen system is covered if the patient is mobile within the home and the qualifying blood gas study was performed while at rest (awake) or during exercise. If the only qualifying blood gas study was performed during sleep, portable oxygen will be denied as not medically necessary.

