

**WAC 182-552-1300 Respiratory care—Authorization.** (1) The medicaid agency requires providers to obtain authorization for covered respiratory care as required in this chapter, chapters 182-501 and 182-502 WAC, and in published agency medicaid provider guides and/or provider notices or when the clinical criteria required in this chapter are not met.

(a) For prior authorization (PA), a provider must submit a written request to the medicaid agency as specified in the agency's published respiratory care medicaid provider guide.

(b) For expedited prior authorization (EPA), a provider must document that the client has met the clinically appropriate EPA criteria outlined in the medicaid provider guide. The appropriate EPA number must be used when the provider bills the medicaid agency.

(c) Upon request, a provider must provide documentation to the medicaid agency showing how the client's condition met the criteria for PA or EPA.

(2) Authorization requirements in this chapter are not a denial of service.

(3) When a service requires authorization, the provider must properly request authorization in accordance with the medicaid agency's rules, medicaid provider guides, and provider notices.

(4) When authorization is not properly requested, the medicaid agency rejects and returns the request to the provider for further action. The medicaid agency does not consider the rejection of the request to be a denial of service.

(5) The medicaid agency's authorization of service(s) does not necessarily guarantee payment.

(6) The medicaid agency evaluates requests for authorization of covered respiratory care equipment and supplies that exceed limitations in this chapter on a case-by-case basis in accordance with WAC 182-501-0169.

(7) The medicaid agency may recoup any payment made to a provider if the agency later determines that the service was not properly authorized or did not meet the EPA criteria. Refer to WAC 182-502-0100 (1)(c).

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