



# MONTANA HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS NOTICE

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DME Providers, EPSDT Providers

**Effective May 31, 2017**

## Pulse Oximetry for Children Age 0-20

The capped rental of a Pulse Oximetry Meter (E0445) will no longer require prior authorization for children age 0-20 when all of the following criteria are met:

- The member has a chronic, progressive respiratory or cardiovascular condition that requires continuous or frequent oxygen therapy.
- Oxygen need varies from day to day or per activity (e.g., feeding, sleeping, movement), and a medical need exists to maintain oxygen saturation within a very narrow range in which unpredictable, sub-therapeutic fluctuations of oxygen saturation levels occur that cannot be clinically determined and have an adverse effect if not treated.
- A trained caregiver is available to respond to changes in oxygen saturation.

**Please note:** Montana Medicaid will only reimburse for a capped rental, if the above criteria is met. Therefore, the purchase of a pulse oximeter will not be approved for reimbursement.

If a child age 0-20 has a pulse oximeter that was paid for by Montana Medicaid, a replacement probe (A4606) will be covered if the pulse oximeter is still medically necessary and prescribed by their medical provider.

If above criteria are met, the item does not require prior authorization; however, the claim needs to be submitted via fax to the Department at 406-444-1861 for processing. Indicate on the fax cover sheet that this is a non-covered item that meets medically necessary criteria coverage. Medicaid will reimburse this code at 75% of the Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP), in accordance with ARM 37.86.1807.

### Contact Information

If you have any questions, please contact:

The Maternal and Child Health Nurse at 406-444-0950.

For additional information, contact Montana Provider Relations at (800) 624-3958 or (406) 442-1837 or email [MTPRHelpdesk@conduent.com](mailto:MTPRHelpdesk@conduent.com).

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