310-Y RESPIRATORY THERAPY

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DESCRIPTION

Respiratory therapy is an AHCCCS covered treatment service, ordered by a primary care provider for members or attending physician for Fee-For-Service (FFS) members, to restore, maintain or improve respiratory functioning.

Services include administration of pharmacological, diagnostic and therapeutic agents related to respiratory and inhalation care procedures, observing and monitoring signs and symptoms, general behavioral and physical response(s) to respiratory treatment and diagnostic testing, including a determination of whether these signs, symptoms, reactions, or response exhibits abnormal characteristics; and implementing appropriate reporting referral, and respiratory care protocols or changes in treatment based on observed abnormalities and pursuant to a prescription by a physician.

AMOUNT, DURATION AND SCOPE

AHCCCS covers medically necessary respiratory therapy services for all members on both an inpatient and outpatient basis. Services must be provided by a qualified respiratory practitioner under A.R.S. §32-3501 (respiratory therapist or respiratory therapy technician), licensed by the Arizona Board of Respiratory Care Examiners. Respiratory practitioners providing services to AHCCCS members outside the State of Arizona must meet the applicable State and/or Federal requirements.

Refer to AMPM Chapter 1200 for ALTCS covered respiratory therapy services.