

**Title:** Noninvasive Positive Pressure Ventilation (NIPPV) in the Home for the Treatment of Chronic Respiratory Failure consequent to Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)

**Decision:** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) established a National Coverage Determination (NCD) to cover respiratory assist devices (RADs) with or without a backup rate feature for the treatment of chronic respiratory failure (CRF) that often accompanies Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD). The NCD also establishes coverage criteria for home mechanical ventilators (HMV) for patients with CRF related to COPD who exhibit certain clinical characteristics. Coverage of all other patient indications not included within the NCD is at the discretion of the Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs).

**What this means:** Coverage of RADs and HMVs were previously subject to Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) local coverage determinations when applicable, or at the discretion of HealthPartners. RADs and HMVs for members with CRF related to COPD may now be covered in the home for individuals who meet the criteria outlined in the Medicare NCD. Please refer to the final decision memo for all coverage criteria. Coverage for all other indications not included within the NCD will be determined by MAC local coverage determinations when applicable, or HealthPartners.

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