HOME MECHANICAL VENTILATION

GENERAL GUIDELINES

With all qualifying diagnoses, the following is required within patient's notes:

1. The physician must document chronic respiratory failure, **and**

2. Lesser therapy such as BiPAP has been considered ineffective. For OHS, lesser therapy must be documented to have been tried [used] and found ineffective, **and**

3. Physician must document why volume ventilation is the appropriate therapy

Neuromuscular Disorders

Documentation of the disease

Restrictive Thoracic Disorders

- $PaCO_2 \geq 52$ mmHg
- $PaO_2 < 60$ mmHg
- FVC ≤ 50%,
- MIP ≤ 60 cmH_2O

If qualifying on low PaO_2, need documentation that prescribed O_2 is not sufficient to meet patient demands

One or more hospital visits
OR
ER / office visits within last 6 months

For OHS:
Must have documentation that BiPAP has been tried and found to be ineffective

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ORDER CHECKLIST FOR VOLUME VENTILATOR

☐ Face sheet (demographics, insurance, contact info)

☐ Ventilation order form

☐ Documentation with primary diagnosis (and secondary, if required) as well as hospitalization notes, clinic notes, respiratory status, pulmonary consult, etc.

☐ Diagnostic qualifications (ABG, PFT, etc)

☐ Ordering statement *see examples below*

Ordering Statement Examples

Diagnosis: J44.1/J44.9, J96.12, J96.11 & G12.21
Order non-invasive volume ventilator for nocturnal and daytime use as needed to decrease risk of exacerbation; home bi-level therapy with or without a rate would be ineffective as patient requires a volume mode to help reduce high CO_2 levels due to severity of condition.

Diagnosis: E66.2
Order non-invasive volume ventilator nocturnal and daytime use to decrease CO_2 level in patient and decrease risk for exacerbation; home bi-level therapy with or without a rate **has been tried and is ineffective** *as patient requires a volume mode to help reduce high CO_2 levels due to severity of condition.*

COMMON DIAGNOSES:

J44.1/J44.9.
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

J96.12
Chronic Hypercapnic Respiratory Failure

J96.11
Chronic Hypoxemic Respiratory Failure

E66.2
Obesity Hypoventilation Syndrome

G12.21
Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis