

RESPIRATORY THERAPY

Service Description

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A service that provides treatment to restore, maintain or improve breathing.

Service Requirements and Limitations

1. Respiratory therapy services must be performed by a person who is licensed by the Arizona State Board of Respiratory Care Examiners pursuant to Arizona Revised Statute (A.R.S.) § 32-3501 and a graduate of an accredited respiratory care education program curriculum that is accredited/approved by the American Medical Association's Committee on Allied Health Education and in collaboration with the Joint Review Committee for Respiratory Therapy Education.
2. Respiratory Therapy services must be prescribed by a qualified, licensed physician as part of a written plan of care which must include the frequency, duration, and scope of the respiratory therapy.
3. A qualified, licensed physician is a person who is qualified and licensed pursuant to A.R.S. Title 32, Chapter 13 or Chapter 17, and any other applicable state and federal laws.
4. If respiratory therapy services are provided to an individual who is Title XIX eligible, the therapist must be registered with the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS).
5. The Qualified Vendor shall comply with Arizona Administrative Code (A.A.C.) R6-6-901 through R-6-910 (Article 9), Managing Inappropriate Behaviors.
6. The Qualified Vendor shall comply with A.R.S. § 46-141 regarding fingerprinting and records check requirements.
7. The Qualified Vendor shall not deliver this service until certified for this category of services

Service Goals and Objectives

Service Goals

1. To provide treatment to restore, maintain or improve respiratory functions.
2. To improve the functional capabilities and physical well-being of the consumer.

Service Objectives

The Qualified Vendor shall:

1. Conduct an initial oversight visit to speak with the consumer/or their representative regarding the quality of care, delivery of services and advise the consumer/or their representative of the need to call the Qualified Vendor if care concerns develop between supervisory and/or support coordinator visits. This visit must be initiated not more than five (5) days from initial provision of the service.
2. Based upon physician's orders and authorization by the Division's District Nurse, ensure that the respiratory therapist provides Respiratory Therapy to restore, maintain or improve respiratory functions.
3. Ensure that the therapist:
 - 3.1 Conducts assessment and/or reviews previous assessment, including the need for special equipment.
 - 3.2 Discusses assessment(s) with the physician, and participates with the District Nurse and the ISP team to develop the consumer's treatment plan.
 - 3.3 Implements respiratory therapy treatment as indicated by the assessment(s) and the consumer's treatment plan.
 - 3.4 Monitors and reassesses the consumer's needs on a regular basis and upon reasonable request by the Division.
 - 3.5 Provides written reports to Division staff as requested.
 - 3.6 Attends Individual Support Plan (ISP) as appropriate meetings and/or if requested by Division staff.
 - 3.7 Provides training and technical assistance to consumer's parents, caregivers, and other appropriate individuals.
 - 3.8 Develops and teaches therapy objectives and/or techniques to be implemented by the consumer, family member(s) and/or appropriate individuals and provides instruction on the use and care of special equipment.
 - 3.9 Consults with consumers, families, support coordinators, medical supply representatives and other professional and paraprofessional staff on the features and design of special equipment that consumers may need.

Service Utilization Information

1. Using the assessment and plan development processes, the therapist: collaborates with the ISP team to assess consumer needs based upon what is normally expected to be performed by a consumer and/or his/her natural supports; and gives consideration to age-appropriate expectations of the consumer and his/her natural supports (what can reasonably be expected of each member based on his/her age). This service shall not supplant the care provided by the consumer's natural supports.
2. The assessment is documented in ISP document.

Rate Basis

Published. The published rate is based on one (1) unit of direct service.

Throughout the term of the contract, the appropriate billing codes, billing units, and associated billing rules are subject to change. All billing codes and billing units, and associated billing rules will be included in the Division's Policies and Procedures Manual, Billing Manual, RateBook, and/or other provider resources made available by the Division.

Direct Service Staff Qualifications

1. Respiratory Therapy services must be performed by a person who is licensed by the Arizona State Board of Respiratory Care Examiners as pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-3501 and a graduate of an accredited respiratory care education program curriculum that is accredited/approved by the American Medical Association's Committee on Allied Health Education and in collaboration with the Joint Review Committee for Respiratory Therapy Education.
2. Graduation from an accredited respiratory care education program curriculum that is accredited/approved by the American Medical Association's Committee on Allied Health Education and in collaboration with the Joint Review Committee for Respiratory Therapy Education.

Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements

1. The Qualified Vendor shall provide written reports to the Division as requested.
2. The Qualified Vendor shall maintain qualification files for each direct service provider as defined above.

3. The Qualified Vendor must maintain on file proof of hours worked by their direct service staff, e.g., staff time sheets. Each time sheet or equivalent document must be signed by the consumer/family/consumer's representative as verification of hours served.
4. The Qualified Vendor shall maintain data that demonstrates full compliance with all programmatic and contractual requirements of the Department and the Division.