

310–Y RESPIRATORY THERAPY

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 3, 2017

REFERENCES: A.R.S. § 32-3501

The Division of Developmental Disabilities (Division) covers respiratory therapy treatment service for members eligible for ALTCS, when ordered by a primary care provider, to restore, maintain, or improve respiratory functioning.

Services include:

- A. Administering pharmacological, diagnostic, and therapeutic agents related to respiratory and inhalation care procedures
- B. Observing and monitoring signs and symptoms
- C. General behavioral and physical response(s) to respiratory treatment and diagnostic testing, including a determination of whether these signs, symptoms, reactions, or response(s) exhibit abnormal characteristics
- D. Implementing appropriate reporting referral
- E. Implementing respiratory care protocols or changes in treatment based on observed abnormalities.

The Division covers medically necessary respiratory therapy services for all members eligible for ALTCS 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 Division members outside the State of Arizona must meet the applicable state and/or federal requirements.