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MEMORANDUM

Date: January 6, 2022

To: ADP-Registered Home Oxygen Vendors

From: David Schachow
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Re: COVID-19 Pandemic: Home Oxygen Therapy Update

In response to the evolving situation regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, the Assistive Devices Program (ADP) will implement and reinstate a temporary policy to waive the requirement for applicants who are non-existing ADP clients to meet the Program's medical eligibility criteria for ADP-funded home oxygen therapy when:

- the applicant needs home oxygen therapy on a short-term basis due to a **confirmed or suspected diagnosis of COVID-19** by a physician; and
- the applicant does not meet the Program's medical eligibility criteria for ADP-funded home oxygen therapy but a physician or nurse practitioner, licensed to practice in the province of Ontario, has prescribed oxygen to allow the applicant to be monitored and cared for in their home.

When submitting the application requesting funding assistance under this temporary policy, results from an arterial blood gas or oximetry study are not required.

On the *First Time Application for Funding Home Oxygen Therapy*, Section 2 (Devices and Eligibility), Confirmation of Applicant's Eligibility for Home Oxygen Funding, Diagnosis, the ADP-registered vendor must record COVID-19 on the application form under "Other Diagnosis".

When submitting the *First-Time Application for Funding Home Oxygen Therapy*, the ADP-registered vendor must submit the application form via fax at 1-888-222-8018.

Applicants approved to receive ADP-funded home oxygen therapy on a short-term basis due to confirmed or suspected COVID-19 can receive up to 90-days of funding. Similar to a previous temporary policy, if home oxygen therapy is required beyond the 90-day funding period, the client and/or vendor must submit the *Renewal of Funding Home Oxygen Therapy* application form for consideration.

The ADP will be monitoring the evolving COVID-19 pandemic situation and will notify ADP-registered vendors when this time limited temporary measure is no longer permitted or if ADP will implement additional temporary policies.

All questions relating to this memorandum should be sent to adpvendors@ontario.ca.

Thank you for your continued commitment and service to Ontarians during this pandemic.

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