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Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy

Hyperbaric oxygen therapy (~~HBO~~) is a modality in which the entire body is exposed to oxygen under increased atmospheric pressure.

Covered Conditions

Reimbursement for ~~HBO~~ hyperbaric oxygen therapy is limited to treatments administered in a hyperbaric oxygen therapy chamber ~~what is administered in a chamber.~~ Hyperbaric oxygen therapy ~~BO therapy shall be considered medically necessary for the~~ is covered for the ~~and is also limited to the~~ following conditions, if deemed medically necessary:

- Acute carbon monoxide intoxication;₂
- Decompression illness;₂
- Gas embolism;₂
- Gas gangrene;₂
- Acute traumatic peripheral ischemia. ~~HBO~~ Hyperbaric oxygen therapy is a valuable adjunctive treatment to be used in combination with accepted standard therapeutic measures when loss of function, limb, or life is threatened;₂
- Crush injuries and suturing of severed limbs. ~~HBO~~ Hyperbaric oxygen therapy would be an adjunctive treatment when loss of function, limb, or life is threatened;₂
- Progressive necrotizing infections (necrotizing fasciitis);₂
- Acute peripheral arterial insufficiency;₂
- Preparation and preservation of compromised skin grafts (not for primary management of wounds);₂
- Chronic refractory osteomyelitis, unresponsive to conventional medical and surgical management;₂
- Osteoradionecrosis as an adjunct to conventional treatment;₂

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- Soft tissue radionecrosis as an adjunct to conventional treatment;₂
- Cyanide poisoning;₂ ~~and~~
- Actinomycosis, only as an adjunct to conventional therapy when the disease process is refractory to antibiotics and surgical treatment; ~~and~~.
- Diabetic wounds of the lower extremities when:
 - The wound is classified as Wagner grade 3 or higher; and
 - An adequate course of standard wound therapy was not sufficient to lead to healing.

Non-covered Conditions

No reimbursement shall be made for HBO in the treatment of the following conditions:

- ~~Cutaneous, decubitus, and stasis ulcers,~~
- ~~Chronic peripheral vascular insufficiency,~~
- ~~Anaerobic septicemia and infection other than clostridial,~~
- ~~Skin burns (thermal),~~
- ~~Senility,~~
- ~~Myocardial infarction,~~
- ~~Cardiogenic shock,~~
- ~~Sickle cell anemia,~~
- ~~Acute thermal and chemical pulmonary damage, i.e. smoke inhalation with pulmonary insufficiency,~~

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- ~~Acute or chronic cerebral vascular insufficiency,~~
- ~~Hepatic necrosis,~~
- ~~Aerobic septicemia,~~
- ~~Nonvascular causes of chronic brain syndrome (Pick's disease, Alzheimer's disease, Korsakoff's syndrome),~~
- ~~Tetanus,~~
- ~~Systemic aerobic infection,~~
- ~~Organ transplantation, or~~
- ~~Organ storage.~~

~~Topical Application of Oxygen~~

~~This method of administering oxygen does not meet the definition of HBO therapy; therefore, no Louisiana Medicaid reimbursement may be made for the topical application of oxygen.~~