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# Medical Eligibility criteria change – For exertional hypoxemia

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**Changes are effective now!**

**Qualification for Exertional O2 is now based on time and not distance**

Recent studies show that patients who have RA at rest SpO2 >90% do not get any medical benefit from the use of O2 on exertion. The benefits are in the patient's ability to participate in daily activities for longer periods

**IEA is not required for the 9 month funding period anymore**

**The hospital RT/PFT technician who has performed the IEA is no longer required to sign the HOP application.**

Application can be signed by an RT employed by VitalAire (section 4 – regulated Health Professional Signature) if the RT performed the oximetry test on RA.