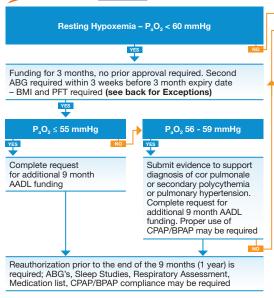
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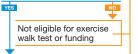


ALBERTA Home Oxygen Funding Algorithm (subject to change)



$P_aO_a \ge 60 \text{ mmHg}$ **Contact VitalAire** or $P_aO_a \ge 56 - 59 \text{ mmHg}$

SpO₂≤ 89% for at least one continuous minute on exertion. and BMI < 37. AADL prior approval required to challenge AADI walk test



Positive results with (Classic 6 minute) walk test (ABG, CPAP/BPAP compliance, PFT, PSG or Specialist report may be required)



Physician knows that patient will benefit from Home Oxygen Therapy

Patient may experience dyspnea and require Home Oxygen Therapy

YES



There are many other funding options for patients who do not qualify for government funding of oxygen therapy1

Please contact your local VitalAire office for other funding options

Palliative

Palliative patients must have a diagnosis of any terminal systemic disorder.(contact VitalAire for details) They are given 6 months funding. They may not require ABGS but need a oxygen strip showing de-saturations below 90% at rest for 3 continuous minutes. Palliative extensions require prior approval (maximum of 6 month extension)

> To Start Home Oxygen Therapy

Phone 1-800-252-9384

Fax 1-866-274-4183



See the back for "Exceptions" overview

AADL Adult Home Oxygen Discharge Funding Guidelines

NOTE: Physician must establish diagnosis prior to this algorithm





Clients desaturate to < 79% on exertion (BMI < 37)



Not on CPAP/BPAP



Sleep recording study with continuous recording of SpO₂. heart rate and direct measurement of airflow (eq. SnoreSat)



At least one episode of nocturnal desaturation with SpO₂ ≤ 83% continuously for at least 5 minutes



Interpreted PFT confirming severe lung disease and BMI ≤ 37

Fax information to: AADI Respiratory Consultant at (780) 422-0968

On CPAP/BPAP



Apnea Hypopnea Index (AHI) < 10 with CPAP/BPAP titration. Raw data showing $SpO_2 \le 85 \%$ on room air with CPAP/BPAP.

Evidence of SpO₂ > 85 % on oxygen with CPAP/BPAP.

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MUST BE PREAPPROVED

Letter confirming diagnosis of New York Heart Association Stage 4 Heart Disease



Hard copy documentation of:

- 1. Angina unresponsive to medication
- 2 SOB at rest
- 3. Echo showing ejection fraction < 20%

Fax cardiac information to: AADL Respiratory Consultant at (780) 422-0968

Exertional Hypoxemia

SpO₂≤ 89% for at least one continuous minute on exertion, and BMI < 37, AADL prior approval required to challenge AADL walk test



Not eligible for exercise, walk test or funding

Positive results with (Classic 6 minute) walk test (ABG, CPAP/BPAP compliance, PFT, PSG or Specialist report may be required)



YES

NO

Receives funding