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**CHAPTER 18: DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT**

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**18.2.1.5 Pulse Oximeter**

Pulse oximeter are a covered service for EPSDT eligible individuals who are already approved for supplemental home oxygen systems and/or vent dependent and whose blood saturation levels fluctuate (submit supporting blood saturation levels), thus requiring continuous or intermittent monitoring to adjust oxygen delivery.

This item is usually approved for a purchase for vent dependent and oxygen dependent beneficiaries. Other diagnoses are usually approved for rental for six months, then recertification is required for purchase.

**Eligibility Criteria**

A non-recording/alarming pulse oximeter is covered when one of the following apply. The beneficiary:

1. Is dependent on a ventilator with supplemental oxygen;
2. Has a tracheostomy, on oxygen, and requires monitoring of O<sub>2</sub> saturation as determined by the physician;
3. Requires supplemental oxygen and has unstable saturations; and
4. Is on supplemental oxygen and weaning is in process.

A recording/alarming pulse oximeter is covered when **all** of the following apply:

1. Beneficiary's condition meets one of the criteria for a non-recording/alarming oximeter;
2. Recording/alarming oximeter is being ordered by the physician to monitor the beneficiary during a specific event such as a weaning attempt from oxygen or ventilator; and
3. Feeding times for an infant, or other times for which the physician needs documentation of the beneficiary's blood oxygen saturation.