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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 therapy is limited to what is administered in a chamber and is also limited to the following conditions:

- Acute carbon monoxide intoxication,
- Decompression illness,
- Gas embolism,
- Gas gangrene,
- Acute traumatic peripheral ischemia. HBO 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,
- Crush injuries and suturing of severed limbs. HBO therapy would be an adjunctive treatment when loss of function, limb, or life is threatened,
- Progressive necrotizing infections (necrotizing fasciitis),
- Acute peripheral arterial insufficiency,
- Preparation and preservation of compromised skin grafts (not for primary management of wounds),
- Chronic refractory osteomyelitis, unresponsive to conventional medical and surgical management,
- Osteoradionecrosis as an adjunct to conventional treatment,
- Soft tissue radionecrosis as an adjunct to conventional treatment,
- Cyanide poisoning, and

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- Actinomycosis, only as an adjunct to conventional therapy when the disease process is refractory to antibiotics and surgical treatment.

**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,
- Sick cell anemia,
- Acute thermal and chemical pulmonary damage, i.e. smoke inhalation with pulmonary insufficiency,
- 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,

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- 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.