

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), Emphysema, Chronic Bronchitis

All Classes
(05/31/2023)

DISEASE/CONDITION	EVALUATION DATA	DISPOSITION
<p>A. GOLD stage 1A or 2A on multi-dimensional assessment of COPD</p> <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resting SpO2 is 96% or higher Post-bronchodilator FEV1 is 61% or higher 6-minute walk test findings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-3% drop in SpO2 from baseline AND Walked 400 meters or more Treated with 3 or fewer medications (excluding a rescue inhaler) NOT taking daily oral steroid <p>ALL OTHERS, see Row B</p>	<p>Submit the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The COPD Status Summary (to expedite case processing); A current, detailed Clinical Progress Note from the treating physician or a board-certified Pulmonologist no more than 90 days before the AME exam; The progress note must specifically include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> History of the condition (how it was diagnosed, past and current treatments); Current disease severity utilizing GOLD multi-dimensional assessment; History of acute exacerbations or other complications; Medication list noting presence or absence of side effects and dates used; Physical exam findings; Treatment plan; and Prognosis; Pulmonary Function Test (PFT) performed no more than 90 days before the AME exam. PFT must be both pre- and post-bronchodilator and include flow volume loops; Current 6-minute walk test; Labs to include CBC within the past 90 days and any other tests deemed indicated or already performed; and Results of any tests/ imaging already performed. 	<div style="background-color: red; color: black; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">DEFER</div> <p>Submit the information to the FAA for a possible Special Issuance</p> <p>Annotate (elements or findings) in Item 60.</p>

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<p>B. All others (or any of the following)</p> <p>Any GOLD stage <u>other than</u> 1A or 2A on multi-dimensional assessment of COPD</p> <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resting SpO2 is 95% or less <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post-bronchodilator FEV1 is 60% predicted or less <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6-minute walk test findings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greater than 3% drop in SpO2 from baseline OR Walked less than 400 meters <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treated with 4 or more medications, (excluding a rescue inhaler) <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily oral steroid use 	<p>Submit the following:</p> <p>ALL items in Row A</p> <p>HOWEVER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The evaluation and current, detailed Clinical Progress Note must be from a board-certified PULMONOLOGIST Pulmonary Function Test (PFT) must include DLCO, both pre- and post-bronchodilator, and include flow volume loops 	<div data-bbox="1183 180 1495 184" style="background-color: red; height: 22px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>DEFER</p> <p>Submit the information to the FAA for a possible Special Issuance</p> <p>Annotate (elements or findings) in Item 60.</p>