

**PROVIDER ALERT  
POLICY EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2018  
MEDSTAR MEDICARE CHOICE AND MEDSTAR SELECT**

**Change in Medicare Reimbursement for Oxygen and Oxygen Equipment – Effective March 1, 2018**

Dear DME Provider,

As you are aware, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced in 2012 a change to how it will reimburse Durable Medical Equipment (DME) suppliers for oxygen and oxygen equipment.

In accordance with the CMS policy, effective March 1, 2018, Medstar Health Plan, *for our MedStar Select and Medicare Advantage (includes CSNP and DSNP) business lines*, has updated policy **MP.130.MH – Home Oxygen Therapy** to cap oxygen after the 36<sup>th</sup> rental month. Additionally, payment for oxygen contents and the items listed below is included in the applicable maintenance and service fee thru the 60<sup>th</sup> month.

This means you will no longer be able to bill MedStar Health Plan separately for the oxygen equipment listed below. Reimbursement for this equipment will be included as part of the reimbursement you receive for the oxygen and oxygen container.

- Transtracheal oxygen catheter
- Tubing (oxygen)
- Mouthpiece
- Face tent
- Variable concentration mask
- Tracheostomy mask
- Oxygen tent
- Humidifier, durable, glass or autoclavable plastic bottle type, for use with regulator or flowmeter
- Nebulizer, durable, glass or autoclavable plastic, bottle type, for use with regulator or flowmeter
- Regulator
- Wheeled cart for portable cylinder or portable concentrator
- Battery charger for portable concentrator
- DC power adapter for portable concentrator

Should you have any additional questions, please contact MedStar Provider Services at 855-222-1042.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.