

Table 1: DME MACs' Determination of Reasonable and Necessary Replacement of CPAP Supplies

HCPSC Code	Description	Frequency
A4604	CPAP Tubing With Heating Element	1 per 3 months
A7027	Combination Oral/Nasal CPAP Mask	1 per 3 months
A7028	Replacement Oral Cushion for Oral/Nasal Mask	2 per 1 month
A7029	Replacement Nasal Pillows for Oral/Nasal Mask, One Pair	2 per 1 month
A7030	Full Face Mask	1 per 3 months
A7031	Full Face Mask Interface	1 per 1 month
A7032	Cushion for Nasal Mask Interface	2 per 1 month
A7033	Nasal Pillows	2 per 1 month
A7034	Nasal Interface	1 per 3 months
A7035	Headgear	1 per 6 months
A7036	Chinstrap	1 per 6 months
A7037	Tubing	1 per 3 months
A7038	Disposable Filter	2 per 1 month
A7039	Nondisposable Filter	1 per 6 months
A7046	Humidifier Water Chamber	1 per 6 months

Source: DME MAC LCDs: CIGNA Government Services (L11518) dated February 4, 2011; National Government Services (L27230) dated October 1, 2011; National Heritage Insurance Company (L11504) dated February 4, 2011; and Noridian Administrative Services (L171) dated October 1, 2011.

The LCDs were first issued in 1993. At that time, medical review staff at DME claims payment contractors contacted CPAP manufacturers and clinicians to ask questions about the length of time that supplies were expected to last. Supply frequencies were established on the basis of these contacts. With one exception (i.e., tubing), the replacement frequencies have remained the same for the past 20 years.

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