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**TO:** Disposable Medical Supplies, Durable Medical Equipment, and Oxygen and Related Respiratory Equipment Providers

**FROM:** Simone Cook, Chief  
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**RE:** COMAR 10.09.12 Disposable Medical Supplies and Durable Medical Equipment and 10.09.18 Oxygen and Related Respiratory Equipment Services

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This memo is a reminder of the requirement of face-to-face encounter documentation and clarification of physical therapy program, which documents prescribed equipment for home therapies. These updates were effective January 1, 2012.

The prescriber is required to examine the recipient within six months prior to ordering any DMS/DME and Oxygen services, and document the face-to-face encounter as it is related to the services prescribed. Additionally, the prescriber must provide current clinical and face-to-face documentation when ordering services to ensure medical necessity.

Further, the Program has provided clarification by defining physical therapy program. Coverage for exercise equipment and devices will not be provided unless it is prescribed for home use and is a necessary component of an active physical therapy program. A physical therapy program is an established program that outlines the prescribed equipment and treatment, along with frequency, duration and goals or expected outcome of the recipient. Document should be submitted as an attachment to the DHMH-4527.

Any questions regarding this memo should be directed to a Staff Specialist at (410) 767-1739 or emailed to [DCSS@maryland.gov](mailto:DCSS@maryland.gov). Additionally, please frequent <http://mmcp.dhmh.maryland.gov/communitysupport/SitePages/Home.aspx> for any updates to the DMS/DME/Oxy Program including the revised DHMH-4527.

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