Respiratory Therapists/Nurse/Testing Provider

For hospital discharges; saturations are needed within 48 hours prior to discharge. For skilled facility and clinics; saturations are acceptable within 30 days of the order.

1. Pulse Ox at rest on room air _____ %
   If 88% or less, do not need to do additional testing.
   If greater than 88%, do the following two tests:
2. Pulse Ox with ambulation on Room Air ______% 
3. Pulse Ox with ambulation on _____ lpm of oxygen ______%.

If patient needs greater than 4lpm, the following additional test is needed:

Pulse ox on 4L of oxygen ______%

Saturations must be obtained in the order listed above in one session and documented in a progress note to be considered as valid test results for insurance purposes.

Provider: Amend the co-sign saturation note from testing provider to verify that you have reviewed the results and that they are true and accurate. This must be done by the attending physician before oxygen will be dispensed.

Progress Note: state patients need for oxygen, qualifying sats, and diagnosis - this can be completed by a PA, NP or APNP but the note must be co-signed by the attending physician before oxygen will be dispensed. Example: “Patient desaturates to 87% on room air resting and will require home oxygen at 2lpm continuous for the treatment of COPD.”

Enter order for home oxygen containing the following components:
• Liter flow
• Frequency of use, for example: continuous; or with activity; or NOC/HS
• Method of delivery (i.e., nasal cannula or mask)
• Portable tanks, if needed (i.e., patient is mobile in the home)
• Assess for oxygen conserving device

RESIDENT ORDERS MUST BE CO-SIGNED BY OVERSEEING PHYSICIAN

Please call Home Care Medical’s Respiratory Intake department at 262-786-9870 ext. 208 if you have any questions.