



Health & Social Services

HEALTH SERVICES – INSURED HEALTH SERVICES		
<b>Section</b> Pharmacare and Extended Benefits	<b>Title:</b> Eligibility for Bi-level Positive Airway Pressure Machine – BiPAP and Continuous Positive Airway Pressure = CPAP	<b>Policy #:</b> 2016-PEB01
<b>Date Issued:</b> February 2, 2016	<b>Cross Reference:</b> N/A	

**SPECIFIC LEGAL REFERENCE:** *Health Act* OIC 1994/169 Extended Health Care Benefits Regulation

**DEFINITIONS:** Director means the director of the Yukon Health Care Insurance Plan, appointment pursuant to section 4 of the *Health Care Insurance Plan Act*.

Program means the Extended Health Care Benefits Program.

**BACKGROUND:** OIC 1994/169 S.3 provides that respiratory equipment, their adjustment and repair shall be payable as a benefit under this regulation upon approval by the director of an application by a medical practitioner, a nurse practitioner, or, in communities without a resident medical practitioner, by a registered nurse employed by Government of Yukon to provide primary health care services in the community.

This policy seeks to provide clarification as to coverage for two specific types of respiratory equipment, Bi-level Positive Airway Pressure Machine (BiPap) and Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP).

**POLICY:** The Extended Health Care Benefits Program only provides funding for BiPAP and CPAP for moderate to severe obstructive sleep apnea (OSA).

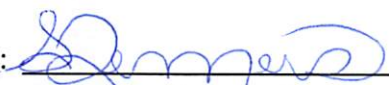
Applications for funding must include a current baseline (completed within the past six months) or polysomnogram (completed without CPAP or BiPAP) to demonstrate the severity of the obstructive sleep apnea, unless otherwise approved by the Director of Insured Health and Hearing Services.

The Extended Health Care Benefits Program will provide funding for the purchase of one (1) BiPAP or CPAP machine, to a maximum of \$1,750.00 every five years.

The Program will provide funding for up to twelve (12) replacement filters per fiscal year. Additionally, the program will provide funding for one (1) replacement mask per 12 month period. For example: your mask was funded through the program on February 2, 2016 you would then be eligible for a replacement mask on February 2, 2017, unless otherwise approved by the Director of Insured Health and Hearing Services.

All requests for respiratory equipment, their adjustment and repair must be assessed by Insured Health Services, Manager of Pharmacare and Extended Benefits.

The Extended Health Care Benefits Program remains the payor of last resort and requires that all other available resources must first be considered before any funding requests are submitted to the program.

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**Note: All requirements of the Acts and Regulations governing Yukon Health Services shall remain in effect.**