

MEMORANDUM...

DATE: November 13, 2000
TO: All NPPV Customers
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RE: DMERC Region C Random Audits

Random Audits Taking Place in Region C DMERC

The target of these audits is a specific HCPCS Code (i.e. K0532 and/or K0533) rather than a particular provider or beneficiary. The DMERC is requesting clinical information to verify that suppliers have documentation to justify billing the ZX modifier. This includes verification that suppliers have the appropriate medical necessity documentation for those patients receiving therapy prior to the policy implementation date of 10/1/99 .

Conversations with the carrier instruct providers to submit only the information from the initial start of therapy that supported the medical necessity.

All of the following will act as medical necessity:

- physician and beneficiary statements
- physician prescription
- physician letter

The DMERC is also requesting:

- medical records/physician notes for dates of service listed
- manufacturer information
- delivery slips

Remember that the purpose of these audits is to confirm medical need for a particular therapy. Carriers verify medical necessity by examining the contents of the beneficiary files. For patients on therapy prior to 10/1/99 the supplier should provide the information required prior to the new RAD policy taking effect (i.e. the patients diagnosis and prescription as well as any supplemental medical necessity information). Therefore be aware that these patients cannot be expected to have additional testing completed (i.e. **ABGs**, arterial blood gases).

If questioning why this audit is occurring, don't hesitate to contact your DMERC Ombudsman. For additional reimbursement support from Respironics, please call **your local Sales Representative** or the Reimbursement Support Line at 1-877-606-2255 or visit our Website at www.respironics.com, Reimbursement Information.