

When it is Proper to Re-Start the 36-Month Oxygen Rental Period

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COVID is a game changer. It affects all components of American life, including the DME industry! However, the importance of DME suppliers has come to the forefront during the pandemic. DME suppliers (particularly oxygen equipment suppliers) are instrumental in keeping patients out of the hospital.

This program focuses on suppliers who provide oxygen concentrators ... and will specifically address when it is proper for the supplier to re-start the 36-month oxygen rental period. When a DME supplier provides an oxygen concentrator to a Medicare beneficiary, Medicare will pay the supplier for the first 36 months and then the supplier will be obligated to service the beneficiary's oxygen needs, for very little compensation, for the next 24 months.



The beneficiary's continuous use of the concentrator may be interrupted by one of the following events:

- (i) the concentrator is lost, stolen, or damaged beyond repair;
- (ii) there is an extended break in need of greater than 60 days;
- (iii) the supplier sells its assets to another supplier;
- (iv) the supplier goes out of business;
- (v) the supplier files bankruptcy; or
- (vi) the beneficiary relocates outside the supplier's service area.

This program will discuss whether the 36 month rental period will start over when one of these interruptions occur.

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