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Pharmacy Corner

BLOOD PRESSURE—KNOW YOUR NUMBERS

It is important to keep your blood pressure under control according to the National Institutes of Health. The goal of 120/80 or 140/90 (or lower for people with other conditions such as diabetes and kidney disease) says the NIH.

Adopting a healthy lifestyle is the first step in both preventing and controlling your blood pressure. If lifestyle changes are not enough, sometimes it may be necessary to add blood pressure medications. We are always committed to helping answer questions you may have regarding your blood pressure medication or blood pressure monitoring equipment. It is important to have your blood pressure checked regularly and talk to you doctor about lifestyle changes you can make to help keep blood pressure in a healthy range for you.



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Insurance Highlights

CAPPED RENTAL ON OXYGEN EQUIPMENT

In previous years, Medicare has made continuous monthly payments for those beneficiaries who use oxygen equipment as long as it was medically necessary. As a result, the payments made towards the oxygen equipment would have often exceeded the purchase price without the beneficiary acquiring the title for the equipment.

Medicare has recently put a cap on the rental of oxygen equipment, which was effective January 1st, 2006. This limits the total number of continuous rentals for which Medicare will pay for oxygen equipment to 36 months. After the 36th month, the beneficiary will own the oxygen equipment.

In addition, Medicare will pay for reasonable and necessary repairs and servicing (i.e., parts and labor not covered by the manufacturer's warranty) beginning six months after the title is transferred to the beneficiary. For beneficiaries receiving oxygen equipment on or before December 31st, 2005, the 36-month rental period began on January 1st, 2006.

For those of you who have a private insurance carrier or a Medicare Advantage Plan, the capped rental of oxygen may not apply to you. It is always a good idea to call your insurance company and find out if there will be a cap on your oxygen equipment.



Equipment Talk



THE EVERGO PORTABLE OXYGEN CONCENTRATOR

For our oxygen patients who love to travel and don't want to be tied down by conventional oxygen therapy, the Respirationics *EverGo* portable oxygen concentrator from MAAG is the answer. The *EverGo* weighs less than ten pounds and has an eight-hour battery life making it ideal for oxygen patients traveling by plane, train, bus or car.

The *EverGo* is ideal for people who enjoy traveling and rely upon oxygen therapy. And the *EverGo* offers three power options. The *EverGo* operates from a wall outlet, an automobile charger, or its internal rechargeable batteries. The device has been cleared for air travel by the FAA.

The *EverGo* is now available for weekly rental and for purchase at MAAG.

Employee Spotlight



Christopher Miller (Topher) has been part of the Maag team since 2007. Topher is a vital part of our customer outreach program. The outreach program is our customer service and delivery team that makes visits to our customers who are unable to make it into the store, due to illness, lack of transportation or their busy lifestyles. Topher brings the Maag attitude to each and every customer he visits, and is one of our Spanish interpreters, having spent time in Cebu, Philippines. Topher enjoys golf, basketball, travel and music when he is not busy attending ISU.

Product Spotlight



\$89.95

ANKLE WALKER

Summer is a common time for sport ankle injuries. Ankle Walkers are for acute or severe ankle sprains, lower extremity soft tissue injuries, stress fractures, post achilles tendon repairs, and support following cast removal. The StepLite® Easy Hi-Ankle Walker is made of strong integrated aluminum struts allow for easy application and improved fit as a result of evenly dispersed strap compression. The ultra-low heel height and durable liner design paired with a long lasting loop exterior, make it ideal for patients or those needing the added support provided by the taller struts. The StepLite® Easy Hi-Ankle Walker fits either the right or left ankle.