



Suction Machine and Supplies

Documentation Required

- ❖ All insurance payers
 - Prescription
 - Medical record notes specifying medical necessity

- ❖ Medicaid
 - Medicaid Certificate of Medical Necessity (CMN)

- ❖ Prescription requirements
 - ✓ Start date
 - ✓ Patient name
 - ✓ Provider name
 - ✓ Provider NPI (for Medicare recipients)
 - ✓ Detailed description of item(s) prescribed
 - ✓ Quantities needed per month
 - ✓ ICD-10 code(s)
 - ✓ Length of need
 - ✓ Provider signature with credentials (for Medicare recipients)
 - ✓ Provider signature date (in addition to start date of prescription for Medicare recipients)

Medical record for Medicare recipients must document

- ❖ *Patient has difficulty raising and clearing secretions due to at least one of the following conditions:*
 - Cancer or surgery of throat or mouth
 - Dysfunction of the swallowing muscles
 - Unconsciousness or obtunded state
 - Tracheostomy

- ❖ Frequency of use for supplies
 - How often is the patient using suction?

Miscellaneous criteria for Medicare required

- ❖ *Closed suction catheters are covered when all the following are met:*
 - Patient meets criteria for ventilator
 - Patient has a tracheostomy tube
 - Patient requires machine for suctioning tracheostomy tube

- ❖ *Medicare considers 3 suction catheters per day as reasonable and necessary*