



Home Oxygen

RESPIRATORY CARE GROUP

PROVINCIAL HOME OXYGEN PROGRAM

*Eligibility Criteria Summary*¹

POLICY STATEMENT

The Provincial Home Oxygen Program supports clients who require oxygen concentrator services and who meet eligibility criteria to remain at home.

ELIGIBILITY

Client eligibility is established when a Case Coordinator determines all of the following criteria are met:

1 Eligibility for the Manitoba Home Care Program

2 Medical Eligibility

- 2.1 Client's need for oxygen meets the established medical Criteria A, B or C described below.
- 2.2 Client has primary physician who can access the necessary laboratory services for establishing and monitoring blood gases.
- 2.3 Client is clinically stable and an optimal medical treatment program must be in effect prior to assessment for eligibility.
- 2.4 Medical eligibility is determined by the approved Regional Respiratory Authorizer.

3 Environmental Eligibility

- 3.1 Client resides in a geographic location where it is possible to provide the equipment safely.
- 3.2 Client's home is appropriate for the safe use of the equipment.
- 3.3 Client and/or caregiver agree to adhere to safe practices relative to the delivery of oxygen therapy.

4 Competency Eligibility

- 4.1 Client or caregiver demonstrates competency in the care, maintenance and safe use of equipment.

CRITERIA A | RESTING HYPOXEMIA

- 1** Minimum of two (2) arterial blood gases (ABGs) performed on room air no sooner than one (1) week apart indicating at least one of the following:
 - a) PaO₂ less than or equal to 59 mmHg on room air.
 - b) SpO₂ less than or equal to 89% (for children less than 12 years of age). Since it is difficult to obtain ABGs in this age group, oximetry testing is acceptable. A child requiring oxygen therapy longer than three (3) months, should be reassessed by a pediatrician.
- 2** Oxygen should be given at least 18 hours per day, preferably 24 hours per day when possible.
- 3** Oxygen should be titrated to ensure the PaO₂ is between 65 and 80 mmHg; the amount of oxygen delivered should be increased by 1 L/minute during exercise or sleep.

