

# Medical Coverage Policies

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## Oscillatory Positive Expiratory Pressure Devices

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### Description:

Oscillatory positive expiratory pressure devices (The Flutter and Acapella) are hand-held devices designed to facilitate clearance of mucus in hypersecretory lung disorders, such as cystic fibrosis and asthma. Exhalation through the device produces an oscillating resistance which creates both endo-bronchial positive pressure pulses and expiratory flow interruptions. The vibrating effect is reported to aid mucus elimination and mucociliary function.

Oscillatory positive expiratory pressure devices are used for persons with hypersecretory lung disorders.

### Medical Criteria:

Not applicable. This is a reimbursement policy.

### Policy:

Oscillatory positive expiratory pressure devices are covered durable medical equipment (DME).

### Coverage:

Benefits may vary among groups. Please refer to the appropriate member certificate/subscriber agreement/Rite Care contract for applicable durable medical equipment (DME) benefits/coverage.

### Coding:

E0484 Oscillatory positive expiratory pressure device, nonelectric, any type, each

### Also Known As:

Not applicable

### Related Topics:

High-frequency Chest Compression System

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