
Program Memorandum Carriers

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**SUBJECT: Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier – Common Working File (CWF)
Revision for Oxygen Certificate of Medical Necessity**

This Program Memorandum (PM) requests a change to the CWF regarding the Oxygen CMN (484). Currently, CWF can only accept certification periods of 3 months, 12 months, and lifetime.

Medical necessity may be for 1 month, 2 months, etc. CWF should allow up to 99 months for initial, revised, and recertification oxygen CMNs. Specifically, CWF should allow 1-99 months for initial oxygen CMNs and 0-99 months for recert/revision oxygen CMNs.

The Standard System effective date for this PM is April 1, 2001.

The CWF effective date for this Program Memorandum (PM) is January 1, 2001.

The implementation date for this PM is April 1, 2001.

These instructions should be implemented within your current budget.

This PM may be discarded after April 1, 2002.

DMERC contractors should contact the appropriate lead regional office project officer with any questions related to this PM.