



NEBULIZER COVERAGE CRITERIA

Nebulizers may be covered by insurance if they are medically necessary. Documentation to support that should include face-to-face notes and a standard written order.

FACE-TO-FACE NOTES: The patient must have a face-to-face clinical evaluation by the treating physician within 6 months prior to the date of the order. The notes must discuss that the patient is needing a nebulizer or a replacement and the medication that will be used through the nebulizer.

STANDARD WRITTEN ORDER: A valid order must be obtained prior to delivery and include a qualifying diagnosis code in order to qualify for a nebulizer machine and supplies.

MEDICARE COVERAGE: Medicare will only cover the cost of nebulizers and the supplies if the patient has a qualifying diagnosis code.

Nebulizers are covered if they are used to administer one of the following:

1. Albuterol, Budesonide, Cromolyn, formoterol, ipratropium, levalbuterol, metaproterenol, or refefenacin.
 - a. Must have obstructive pulmonary disease.
 - b. Group 8 Dx codes on LCD
2. Dornase alfa
 - a. Must have cystic fibrosis
 - b. Group 9 Dx Codes on LCD
3. Tobramycin
 - a. Must have cystic fibrosis or bronchiectasis
 - b. Group 10 Dx Codes on LCD
4. Pentamidine
 - a. Must have HIV, pneumocystosis, or complications of organ transplant
 - b. Group 4 Codes on LCD
5. Acetylcysteine
 - a. Must have persistent thick or tenacious pulmonary secretions
 - b. Group 7 Codes on LCD

* Frontier Home Medical does not provide the respiratory medication to be used with the nebulizer machines.

MEDICAID/PRIVATE INSURANCE COVERAGE: Medicaid and most private insurances do not require specific codes for coverage, but typically require a J* diagnosis code for coverage. However, the face-to-face notes must still support the need for the nebulizer and the medicine administered through the nebulizer.

E-PRESCRIBE: Frontier Home Medical makes ordering equipment easier with electronic ordering through Parachute. Visit our website (FrontierHomeMedical.com) to learn more about Parachute and get started with electronic ordering.

FAX PRESCRIPTION & FACE-TO-FACE NOTES TO THE LOCAL FRONTIER BRANCH.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Frontier Home Medical. Thank you for your cooperation!

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QUALIFYING MEDICARE DIAGNOSIS CODES

GROUP 8 DIAGNOSIS CODES

J12.82	Pneumonia due to COVID-19	J45.40	Moderate persistent asthma, uncomplicated	J63.2	Berylliosis	J68.0	Bronchitis and pneumonitis due to chemicals, gases, fumes and vapors
J41.0	Simple chronic bronchitis	J45.41	Moderate persistent asthma with (acute) exacerbation	J63.3	Graphite fibrosis (of lung)	J68.1	Pulmonary edema due to chemicals, gases, fumes and vapors
J41.1	Mucopurulent chronic bronchitis	J45.42	Moderate persistent asthma with status asthmaticus	J63.4	Siderosis	J68.2	Upper respiratory inflammation due to chemicals, gases, fumes and vapors, not elsewhere classified
J41.8	Mixed simple and mucopurulent chronic bronchitis	J45.50	Severe persistent asthma, uncomplicated	J63.5	Stannosis	J68.3	Other acute and subacute respiratory conditions due to chemicals, gases, fumes and vapors
J42	Unspecified chronic bronchitis	J45.51	Severe persistent asthma with (acute) exacerbation	J63.6	Pneumoconiosis due to other specified inorganic dusts	J68.4	Chronic respiratory conditions due to chemicals, gases, fumes and vapors
J43.0	Unilateral pulmonary emphysema [MacLeod's syndrome]	J45.52	Severe persistent asthma with status asthmaticus	J64	Unspecified pneumoconiosis	J68.8	Other respiratory conditions due to chemicals, gases, fumes and vapors
J43.1	Panlobular emphysema	J45.901	Unspecified asthma with (acute) exacerbation	J65	Pneumoconiosis associated with tuberculosis	J68.9	Unspecified respiratory condition due to chemicals, gases, fumes and vapors
J43.2	Centrilobular emphysema	J45.902	Unspecified asthma with status asthmaticus	J66.0	Byssinosis	J69.0	Pneumonitis due to inhalation of food and vomit
J43.8	Other emphysema	J45.909	Unspecified asthma, uncomplicated	J66.1	Flax-dressers' disease	J69.1	Pneumonitis due to inhalation of oils and essences
J43.9	Emphysema, unspecified	J45.990	Exercise induced bronchospasm	J66.2	Cannabinosis	J69.8	Pneumonitis due to inhalation of other solids and liquids
J44.0	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease with (acute) lower respiratory infection	J45.991	Cough variant asthma	J66.8	Airway disease due to other specific organic dusts	J70.0	Acute pulmonary manifestations due to radiation
J44.1	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease with (acute) exacerbation	J45.998	Other asthma	J67.0	Farmer's lung	J70.1	Chronic and other pulmonary manifestations due to radiation
J44.81	Bronchiolitis obliterans and bronchiolitis obliterans syndrome	J47.0	Bronchiectasis with acute lower respiratory infection	J67.1	Bagassosis	J70.2	Acute drug-induced interstitial lung disorders
J44.89	Other specified COPD	J47.1	Bronchiectasis with (acute) exacerbation	J67.2	Bird fancier's lung	J70.3	Chronic drug-induced interstitial lung disorders
J44.9	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, unspecified	J47.9	Bronchiectasis, uncomplicated	J67.3	Suberosis	J70.4	Drug-induced interstitial lung disorders, unspecified
J45.20	Mild intermittent asthma, uncomplicated	J60	Coalworker's pneumoconiosis	J67.4	Maltworker's lung	J70.5	Respiratory conditions due to smoke inhalation
J45.21	Mild intermittent asthma with (acute) exacerbation	J61	Pneumoconiosis due to asbestos and other mineral fibers	J67.5	Mushroom-worker's lung	J70.8	Respiratory conditions due to other specified external agents
J45.22	Mild intermittent asthma with status asthmaticus	J62.0	Pneumoconiosis due to talc dust	J67.6	Maple-bark-stripper's lung	J70.9	Respiratory conditions due to unspecified external agent
J45.30	Mild persistent asthma, uncomplicated	J62.8	Pneumoconiosis due to other dust containing silica	J67.7	Air conditioner and humidifier lung	U07.1	COVID-19
J45.31	Mild persistent asthma with (acute) exacerbation	J63.0	Aluminosis (of lung)	J67.8	Hypersensitivity pneumonitis due to other organic dusts	U09.9	Post COVID-19 condition unspecified
J45.32	Mild persistent asthma with status asthmaticus	J63.1	Bauxite fibrosis (of lung)	J67.9	Hypersensitivity pneumonitis due to unspecified organic dust		

GROUP 9 DIAGNOSIS CODES

E84.0	Cystic fibrosis with pulmonary manifestations
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GROUP 10 DIAGNOSIS CODES

A15.0	Tuberculosis of lung	J47.1	Bronchiectasis with (acute) exacerbation
E84.0	Cystic fibrosis with pulmonary manifestations	J47.9	Bronchiectasis, uncomplicated
J47.0	Bronchiectasis with acute lower respiratory infection	Q33.4	Congenital bronchiectasis

GROUP 4 DIAGNOSIS CODES

B20	Human immunodeficiency virus [HIV] disease	T86.22	Heart transplant failure	T86.5	Complications of stem cell transplant	T86.852	Intestine transplant infection
B59	Pneumocystosis	T86.23	Heart transplant infection	T86.810	Lung transplant rejection	T86.858	Other complications of intestine transplant
T86.00	Unspecified complication of bone marrow transplant	T86.290	Cardiac allograft vasculopathy	T86.811	Lung transplant failure	T86.859	Unspecified complication of intestine transplant
T86.01	Bone marrow transplant rejection	T86.298	Other complications of heart transplant	T86.812	Lung transplant infection	T86.890	Other transplanted tissue rejection
T86.02	Bone marrow transplant failure	T86.30	Unspecified complication of heart-lung transplant	T86.818	Other complications of lung transplant	T86.891	Other transplanted tissue failure
T86.03	Bone marrow transplant infection	T86.31	Heart-lung transplant rejection	T86.819	Unspecified complication of lung transplant	T86.892	Other transplanted tissue infection
T86.09	Other complications of bone marrow transplant	T86.32	Heart-lung transplant failure	T86.830	Bone graft rejection	T86.898	Other complications of other transplanted tissue
T86.10	Unspecified complication of kidney transplant	T86.33	Heart-lung transplant infection	T86.831	Bone graft failure	T86.899	Unspecified complication of other transplanted tissue
T86.11	Kidney transplant rejection	T86.39	Other complications of heart-lung transplant	T86.832	Bone graft infection	T86.90	Unspecified complication of unspecified transplanted organ and tissue
T86.12	Kidney transplant failure	T86.40	Unspecified complication of liver transplant	T86.838	Other complications of bone graft	T86.91	Unspecified transplanted organ and tissue rejection
T86.13	Kidney transplant infection	T86.41	Liver transplant rejection	T86.839	Unspecified complication of bone graft	T86.92	Unspecified transplanted organ and tissue failure
T86.19	Other complication of kidney transplant	T86.42	Liver transplant failure	T86.850	Intestine transplant rejection	T86.93	Unspecified transplanted organ and tissue infection
T86.20	Unspecified complication of heart transplant	T86.43	Liver transplant infection	T86.851	Intestine transplant failure	T86.99	Other complications of unspecified transplanted organ and tissue
T86.21	Heart transplant rejection	T86.49	Other complications of liver transplant				

GROUP 7 DIAGNOSIS CODES

A22.1	Pulmonary anthrax	J12.82	Pneumonia due to COVID-19	J44.81	Bronchiolitis obliterans and bronchiolitis obliterans syndrome	J65	Pneumoconiosis associated with tuberculosis
A37.01	Whooping cough due to <i>Bordetella pertussis</i> with pneumonia	J12.89	Other viral pneumonia	J44.89	Other specified COPD	J66.0	Byssinosis
A37.11	Whooping cough due to <i>Bordetella parapertussis</i> with pneumonia	J12.9	Viral pneumonia, unspecified	J44.9	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, unspecified	J66.1	Flax-dressers' disease
A37.81	Whooping cough due to other <i>Bordetella</i> species with pneumonia	J13	Pneumonia due to <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	J45.20	Mild intermittent asthma, uncomplicated	J66.2	Cannabinosis
A37.91	Whooping cough, unspecified species with pneumonia	J14	Pneumonia due to <i>Hemophilus influenzae</i>	J45.21	Mild intermittent asthma with (acute) exacerbation	J66.8	Airway disease due to other specific organic dusts
A48.1	Legionnaires' disease	J15.0	Pneumonia due to <i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	J45.22	Mild intermittent asthma with status asthmaticus	J67.0	Farmer's lung
B25.0	Cytomegaloviral pneumonitis	J15.1	Pneumonia due to <i>Pseudomonas</i>	J45.30	Mild persistent asthma, uncomplicated	J67.1	Bagassosis
B44.0	Invasive pulmonary aspergillosis	J15.20	Pneumonia due to <i>staphylococcus</i> , unspecified	J45.31	Mild persistent asthma with (acute) exacerbation	J67.2	Bird fancier's lung
B77.81	Ascariasis pneumonia	J15.211	Pneumonia due to Methicillin susceptible <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	J45.32	Mild persistent asthma with status asthmaticus	J67.3	Suberosis
E84.0	Cystic fibrosis with pulmonary manifestations	J15.212	Pneumonia due to Methicillin resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	J45.40	Moderate persistent asthma, uncomplicated	J67.4	Maltworker's lung
J09.X1	Influenza due to identified novel influenza A virus with pneumonia	J15.29	Pneumonia due to other <i>staphylococcus</i>	J45.41	Moderate persistent asthma with (acute) exacerbation	J67.5	Mushroom-worker's lung
J09.X2	Influenza due to identified novel influenza A virus with other respiratory manifestations	J15.3	Pneumonia due to <i>streptococcus</i> , group B	J45.42	Moderate persistent asthma with status asthmaticus	J67.6	Maple-bark stripper's lung
J09.X3	Influenza due to identified novel influenza A virus with gastrointestinal manifestations	J15.4	Pneumonia due to other <i>streptococci</i>	J45.50	Severe persistent asthma, uncomplicated	J67.7	Air conditioner and humidifier lung
J09.X9	Influenza due to identified novel influenza A virus with other manifestations	J15.5	Pneumonia due to <i>Escherichia coli</i>	J45.51	Severe persistent asthma with (acute) exacerbation	J67.8	Hypersensitivity pneumonitis due to other organic dusts
J10.00	Influenza due to other identified influenza virus with unspecified type of pneumonia	J15.6	Pneumonia due to other Gram-negative bacteria	J45.52	Severe persistent asthma with status asthmaticus	J67.9	Hypersensitivity pneumonitis due to unspecified organic dust
J10.01	Influenza due to other identified influenza virus with the same other identified influenza virus pneumonia	J15.7	Pneumonia due to <i>Mycoplasma pneumoniae</i>	J45.901	Unspecified asthma with (acute) exacerbation	J68.0	Bronchitis and pneumonitis due to chemicals, gases, fumes and vapors
J10.08	Influenza due to other identified influenza virus with other specified pneumonia	J15.8	Pneumonia due to other specified bacteria	J45.902	Unspecified asthma with status asthmaticus	J68.1	Pulmonary edema due to chemicals, gases, fumes and vapors
J10.1	Influenza due to other identified influenza virus with other respiratory manifestations	J15.9	Unspecified bacterial pneumonia	J45.909	Unspecified asthma, uncomplicated	J68.2	Upper respiratory inflammation due to chemicals, gases, fumes and vapors, not elsewhere classified
J10.2	Influenza due to other identified influenza virus with gastrointestinal manifestations	J16.0	Chlamydial pneumonia	J45.990	Exercise induced bronchospasm	J68.3	Other acute and subacute respiratory conditions due to chemicals, gases, fumes and vapors
J10.81	Influenza due to other identified influenza virus with encephalopathy	J16.8	Pneumonia due to other specified infectious organisms	J45.991	Cough variant asthma	J68.4	Chronic respiratory conditions due to chemicals, gases, fumes and vapors
J10.82	Influenza due to other identified influenza virus with myocarditis	J18.0	Bronchopneumonia, unspecified organism	J45.998	Other asthma	J68.8	Other respiratory conditions due to chemicals, gases, fumes and vapors
J10.83	Influenza due to other identified influenza virus with otitis media	J18.1	Lobar pneumonia, unspecified organism	J47.0	Bronchiectasis with acute lower respiratory infection	J68.9	Unspecified respiratory condition due to chemicals, gases, fumes and vapors
J10.89	Influenza due to other identified influenza virus with other manifestations	J18.8	Other pneumonia, unspecified organism	J47.1	Bronchiectasis with (acute) exacerbation	J69.0	Pneumonitis due to inhalation of food and vomit
J11.00	Influenza due to unidentified influenza virus with unspecified type of pneumonia	J18.9	Pneumonia, unspecified organism	J47.9	Bronchiectasis, uncomplicated	J69.1	Pneumonitis due to inhalation of oils and essences
J11.08	Influenza due to unidentified influenza virus with specified pneumonia	J40	Bronchitis, not specified as acute or chronic	J60	Coalworker's pneumoconiosis	J69.8	Pneumonitis due to inhalation of other solids and liquids
J11.1	Influenza due to unidentified influenza virus with other respiratory manifestations	J41.0	Simple chronic bronchitis	J61	Pneumoconiosis due to asbestos and other mineral fibers	J70.0	Acute pulmonary manifestations due to radiation
J11.2	Influenza due to unidentified influenza virus with gastrointestinal manifestations	J41.1	Mucopurulent chronic bronchitis	J62.0	Pneumoconiosis due to talc dust	J70.1	Chronic and other pulmonary manifestations due to radiation
J11.81	Influenza due to unidentified influenza virus with encephalopathy	J41.8	Mixed simple and mucopurulent chronic bronchitis	J62.8	Pneumoconiosis due to other dust containing silica	J70.2	Acute drug-induced interstitial lung disorders
J11.82	Influenza due to unidentified influenza virus with myocarditis	J42	Unspecified chronic bronchitis	J63.0	Aluminosis (of lung)	J70.3	Chronic drug-induced interstitial lung disorders
J11.83	Influenza due to unidentified influenza virus with otitis media	J43.0	Unilateral pulmonary emphysema [MacLeod's syndrome]	J63.1	Bauxite fibrosis (of lung)	J70.4	Drug-induced interstitial lung disorders, unspecified
J11.89	Influenza due to unidentified influenza virus with other manifestations	J43.1	Panlobular emphysema	J63.2	Berylliosis	J70.5	Respiratory conditions due to smoke inhalation
J12.0	Adenoviral pneumonia	J43.2	Centrilobular emphysema	J63.3	Graphite fibrosis (of lung)	J70.8	Respiratory conditions due to other specified external agents
J12.1	Respiratory syncytial virus pneumonia	J43.8	Other emphysema	J63.4	Siderosis	J70.9	Respiratory conditions due to unspecified external agent
J12.2	Parainfluenza virus pneumonia	J43.9	Emphysema, unspecified	J63.5	Stannosis	JU07.1	COVID-19
J12.3	Human metapneumovirus pneumonia	J44.0	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease with (acute) lower respiratory infection	J63.6	Pneumoconiosis due to other specified inorganic dusts	JU09.9	Post COVID-19 condition unspecified
J12.81	Pneumonia due to SARS-associated coronavirus	J44.1	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease with (acute) exacerbation	J64	Unspecified pneumoconiosis		