

Memorandum

To: ADP-Registered Vendors of Respiratory Equipment and Supplies

From: David Schachow, Interim Director, Assistive Devices Program

Date: March 17, 2020

Subject: **Delayed Implementation** of the New Pricing Schedule for Positive Airway Pressure (PAP) Systems

The Ministry of Health will **delay implementation** of the new pricing schedule for Positive Airway Pressures (PAP) systems for 6 weeks, until May 13, 2020. Given the recent developments in the status of COVID-19 and its impact on Ontario's healthcare system, the Ministry has decided to delay the implementation of the new pricing schedule for PAP systems for six weeks, until May 13, 2020. This decision was made after careful consideration of the significant capacity pressures currently being experienced throughout the province's healthcare system, as well as the ministry's commitment to ensure patient safety, as we seek to reduce potential exposure to COVID-19.

Therefore, the ADP Approved Prices for PAP systems will remain at the current level until then:

- \$860 for Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) systems;
- \$1,020 for Auto-Titrating Positive Airway Pressure (APAP) systems; and
- \$1,120 for Bi-Level Positive Airway Pressure (BPAP) systems.

Along with the delayed implementation of the new pricing schedule, the ADP will also delay implementation of the revised medical eligibility criteria for an APAP system. Along with a diagnosis of Obstructive Sleep Apnea Syndrome, the applicant must also meet the additional criteria outlined in Section 335.01 of the Respiratory Equipment Policy and Administration Manual.

All questions related to this memorandum should be sent to adpvendors@ontario.ca.

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