PEAK FLOW METERS

Policy
VCHCP considers peak flow meters to be durable medical equipment (DME). VCHCP will cover standard mechanical peak flow meters for eligible members with asthma, bronchitis, emphysema, or other obstructive pulmonary conditions to monitor the severity of their disease and their response to therapy. VCHCP does NOT cover electronic peak flow meters. There is inadequate evidence to show that electronic peak flow meters, such as the PeakLog Peak Flow Chronologger or the AirWatch Peak Flow Monitoring System, are associated with superior health benefits when compared to standard mechanical peak flow meters.

Procedure
A treatment authorization request (TAR) must be submitted to UR for approval.

Place of Service: Outpatient

A. Attachments: None

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C. References:


