Multi-Function Oscillation Lung Expansion Therapy

Humana

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Description

Multi-function oscillation lung expansion (OLE) therapy purportedly provides noncontinuous ventilation intended to mobilize lung secretions, provide lung expansion therapy and treats and prevents atelectasis. Examples of these combination devices include, but are not limited to, **BiWaze Clear System** and **Volara**.

Some devices are available over-the-counter without a prescription. Examples include, but are not limited to, **Acapella**, **Aerobika** and **TheraPEP**.

Coverage Determination

There are no covered indications; refer to Coverage Limitations Section.

Coverage Limitations

Humana members may **NOT** be eligible under the Plan for any of the following:

- Multi-function oscillation lung expansion (OLE) therapy; **OR**
- Over the counter devices

A review of the current medical literature shows that there is **no evidence** to determine that these services are standard medical treatments. There is an absence of current, widely-used treatment guidelines or acceptable clinical literature examining benefit and long-term clinical outcomes establishing the value of these services in clinical management.

Coding Information

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CPT® Code(s)	Description	Comments
No Code(s) Identified		
CPT® Category III Code(s)	**Description**	**Comments**
No Code(s) Identified		
HCPCS Code(s)	**Description**	**Comments**
E0469	Lung expansion airway clearance, continuous high frequency oscillation, and nebulization device	
E1399	Durable medical equipment, miscellaneous	

References

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Change Summary

04/01/2025 New Policy.
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