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ASSISTIVE DEVICES PROGRAM (ADP) HOME OXYGEN APPLICATIONS

Practice FAQs

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QUESTION

I understand that RRTs can now authorize ADP Home Oxygen applications without a physician's signature, as long as they do not work for an ADP vendor of record. I work part time at a hospital and casual for a home care company that is an ADP vendor. So I know I can't sign the ADP applications, but can I still do the assessments necessary to determine if a patient qualifies for home O₂ (e.g., ABGs, walk tests)?

ANSWER

Nothing has changed regarding a Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT), Graduate Respiratory Therapist (GRT) or Practical (Limited) Respiratory Therapist's (PRT) ability to conduct home O₂ assessments (e.g., ABGs, exertional oximetry) or even to fill out the ADP home oxygen applications. The only thing that has changed is that RRTs* can now independently authorize ADP home oxygen applications without the requirement of the prescriber's (physician or nurse practitioner) signature – provided they do not work for an ADP vendor of record and do not have certain terms, conditions or limitations on their certificate of registration.

*Please note that GRTs or PRTs cannot independently authorize ADP home oxygen applications and, although they can conduct the home O₂ assessments and fill out the application forms, they still require the prescriber's signature.