Based on medical necessity and satisfaction of the criteria below and all other terms of the Mississippi Medicaid program, this item is available for coverage for:

_X_ Beneficiaries under age 21

___ ~~Beneficiaries age 21 and over who are receiving services through the home health program~~

_X_ All beneficiaries (no age restriction)

___ Beneficiaries who are pregnant

The provider must refer to the current fee schedule for the acceptable codes and fee schedule allowances available under Medicaid.

The following criteria for coverage apply to pulse oximeter:

This item may be approved for :

___ Rental only

___ Purchase only

___ Rental for X months, then recertification is required

_X_ Rental up to the purchase amount or purchase when indicated

This item must be ordered by a physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant. It is expected that physicians, nurse practitioners, or physician assistants order only items within the scope of their specialty. For example, specialized items such as custom wheelchairs or prosthetics and orthotics should be ordered by specialties such as orthopedics and physicians specializing in rehabilitation. Other items are handled through other specialties.

A pulse oximeter is a photoelectric apparatus for determining the amount of oxygen in the blood. This is usually done by measuring the amount of light transmitted through a translucent part of the skin.

A non-recording pulse oximeter is covered when one of the following apply:

- The beneficiary has a documented serious respiratory diagnosis and requires short-term oximetry to rule out hypoxemia and/or determine the need for supplemental oxygen.
- The beneficiary is dependent on a ventilator with supplemental oxygen.
- The beneficiary has a tracheostomy and ~~is dependent on supplemental oxygen~~ requires monitoring of O2 saturation as determined by the physician.
- The beneficiary requires supplemental oxygen and has unstable saturations.

- The beneficiary is on supplemental oxygen and weaning is in process. A recording pulse oximeter is covered when **all** of the following apply:

    1. The beneficiary's condition meets one of the criteria for a non-recording oximeter, **and**

    2. The recording oximeter is being ordered by the physician to monitor the beneficiary during a specific event such as a weaning attempt from oxygen or ventilator, feeding times for an infant, or other times for which the physician needs documentation of the patient's blood oxygen saturation.