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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:

- Beneficiaries under age 21
- Beneficiaries age 21 and over who are receiving services through the home health program
- 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 Compressors:

This item may be approved for :

- Rental only
- Purchase only
- Rental for X months, then recertification is required
- 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.

Compressors are machines that compress air into storage tanks for use by air driven equipment.

~~Compressors may be considered for reimbursement on an Individual Consideration basis only for beneficiaries less than 21 years of age and for medically necessary DME that is not self-contained. However, it is expected that the compressor be all-inclusive in the reimbursement for the DME item for which the compressor is required.~~

Compressors may be considered for separate reimbursement when used in conjunction with a ventilator, nebulizer, or other types of humidification equipment that is not self-contained or cylinder driven.