

➔ Medicare Documentation Requirements for HFCWO

Must-Have for All Diagnoses

Examples of Documentation That Must Be Included in Clinic Notes

Airway Clearance Tried and Failed

*Documentation of another treatment tried to mobilize secretions and clearly indicating why the other device has failed.**

- » "Because she has difficulty clearing secretions, despite using acapella, and SmartVest is medically needed."
- » "Failed flutter valve therapy and breathing techniques to mobilize secretions."
- » "She practices huff cough, but this alone has been ineffective in clearing her secretions."
- » "The patient's husband administers manual chest percussion, but she is too frail and is unable to tolerate this therapy."

*Ex: Acapella, Flutter, percussion, postural drainage, breathing techniques, suctioning, PEP, IPV, Cough Assist, incentive spirometry

Bronchiectasis or Non-Covered Diagnoses

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CT Scan

Required whether or not bronchiectasis is confirmed, regardless of date.

- » "Bilateral bronchiectasis is evident in right middle lobe, right lower lobe, and left lower lung fields."

CT Scan Addendum, Date CT Scan Was Performed is Required

- » "I have reviewed multiple past CT scans including 10/30/2016 and patient has bronchiectasis."
- » "The previous CT scans dating back to January of 2016 showed evidence of bronchiectasis of the lingular lobe."

Daily Productive Cough Note

Daily productive cough for at least (6) continuous months.

- » "Patient has continued to struggle with an ongoing wet cough for the last year or more. Nothing she has done or used seems to fully take away the cough."
- » "Patient continues to have a persistent cough with sputum production. Her cough has persisted for the past eight months and her sputum production has increased."
- » "Patient has waxing and waning but unceasing cough. Has had a daily productive cough >6 months and has had wheezing for the past couple of weeks."

OR

Antibiotic Note

Physician documenting exacerbations treated by antibiotics at least three separate times within the year prior to the date of the order.

- » "Patient was provided diagnosis of RUL pneumonia and prescribed Zpak."
- » "Still very frequent exacerbations and pneumonia. Recently prescribed Levaquin and later Bactrim."
- » "Given prior pseudomonas, reasonable to begin tobramycin."
- » "She will continue levofloxacin for 7 days after discharge from the hospital."

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