



# CMS Waivers Provide Expanded Access to HFCWO Therapy

Waiver Extended through 4/11/2023

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has provided greater flexibility for physicians to prescribe high frequency chest wall oscillation (HFCWO) therapy to Medicare beneficiaries.<sup>1</sup>



## What You Need to Prescribe SmartVest

The minimum documentation now required to prescribe SmartVest for Medicare beneficiaries is:

**-1-**

A valid SmartVest prescription



**-2-**

Documentation of a respiratory-related diagnosis



## CMS Waiver Frequently Asked Questions

### What happens to my patient's SmartVest after the waiver expires?

Patients who receive a SmartVest under CMS waiver exemption will have lifetime access to the therapy following waiver expiration, without new or additional cost or reimbursement requirements.

### Do CMS waivers apply towards commercial or managed Medicare plans?

The current waiver applies to traditional Medicare beneficiaries and does not extend to commercial or managed Medicare plans.

**What respiratory-related diagnoses qualify for reimbursement under the CMS waiver?** In addition to bronchiectasis and neuromuscular conditions, the CMS waiver provides HFCWO therapy coverage for any respiratory-related diagnosis determined by a clinician, including chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

## We're in this Together.

Electromed is here to support your care team and help you provide patients with the best care possible, when and where they need it.

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### Questions?

Contact SmartVest at **800.462.1045** or visit **smartvest.com**

1. Policy and Regulatory Revisions in Response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, 66 Fed. Reg. 19230, 19266 (April 6, 2020).