Indications and limitations of coverage and medical appropriateness:
At least one of the following conditions must be present for coverage of rental up to 6 months:

- Infant has significant apnea of 20 seconds or longer, or
- Infant has mild to moderate apnea and desaturates below 90%, or
- Infant has periodic breathing with desaturation below 90%.

For coverage after the initial six-month period, additional month’s coverage must be prior authorized by the Department and the following conditions must exist and be documented by the physician:

- Infant continues to have significant alarms. (Log must be kept on file.)
- Unresolved symptomatic apnea.

Documentation Requirements:
- A prescription from attending physician.
- Prior to initiation of home apnea monitoring the following must be met:
  - Physician’s documentation needs to address criteria for use of apnea monitor including the projected length of time equipment will be needed.
  - If continued coverage is needed, provider is required to submit a new request, along with a physician’s narrative report of member’s progress.
    - A new progress report is required every two months, after the initial six months.
    - The report must include:
      - Number of apnea episodes during the previous two-month period of use; and
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- Tests and results of tests performed during the previous two-month period of use; and
- Estimated additional length of time monitor would be needed; and
- Any additional pertinent information the physician may wish to provide.

Non-covered:

- According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, home apnea monitoring is not recommended in infants with siblings that were victims of sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) and monitors used in these situations are not covered. Home apnea monitoring has not been proven to prevent sudden unexpected deaths in infants.

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January 2017 | Removed coverage criteria for apnea monitor requests for infants with siblings that were victims of sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) and monitors and added non coverage rationale.
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