

Topical Oxygen Wound Therapy (TOWT) Continues to be Covered Until Further Notice

Topical Oxygen Wound Therapy (TOWT) is the controlled application of 100% oxygen at above normal atmospheric pressure directly to an open wound. An oxygen concentrator is connected to an FDA approved O2 boot, bag, or sacral device that is tightly sealed around the wound. High flow oxygen is pumped into the boot, bag, or sacral device. Devices are designed for onetime use and are disposable to reduce the risk of cross contamination.

Providers, Medicaid beneficiaries and Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MMCOs) were recently notified that New York State Medicaid fee-for-service and Medicaid Managed Care were eliminating coverage of TOWT effective December 1, 2014 and January 1, 2015, respectively.

This is to notify providers, Medicaid beneficiaries and MMCOs that the prior determination is rescinded and that Medicaid fee-for-service and Medicaid Managed Care will continue to cover TOWT in accordance with the Department's existing procedures until further notice.