



Home Oxygen Program (HOP)

Ontario Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care Funding Criteria

Qualifying Diagnosis

Obstructive Lung Disease

Chronic Bronchitis
Emphysema
Cystic Fibrosis

Bronchiectasis
Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia
COPD

Restrictive Disease

Interstitial Lung Disease
Kyphoscoliosis
Neuromuscular Disease

Other (common examples)

Congestive Heart Failure
Lung Cancer
Pulmonary Hypertension

* Any other diagnosis - call ProResp

Same Day Home Oxygen Set-up
24 HR Emergency Home Oxygen Service

Funding Criteria

Long-term Oxygen Therapy for resting hypoxemia

An initial Home Oxygen Program application, which meets required medical criteria, grants funding for 90 days.

At 90 days, re-qualification for funding by oximetry is required, granting funding for an additional 9 months (requires $SpO_2 \leq 90\%$ at rest and $\leq 88\%$ with exertion or rest for 2 straight minutes).

12 months from the original application, and every 12 months thereafter, renewal qualification for funding by oximetry is required. Successful re-qualification grants continued funding.

Clients under 19

- First time applicants receive 12 months of funding and requalify annually.
- Oximetry results within 30 days of prescription date.
- No ABG required, must have $SpO_2 \leq 90\%$.

Palliative Care

Client must have a terminal diagnosis (i.e. end-stage CHF, end-stage renal failure, CA with area specified).

Blood gases and oximetry testing are not required for the initial 90 days of funding. After 90 days, the client must qualify with oximetry, within 30 days, under long term oxygen therapy funding criteria.

Note: palliative funding available once in a lifetime.

Long-term Oxygen Therapy For Exertional Hypoxemia

Intended for Interstitial Lung Disease. Provided to clients who do not have hypoxemia at rest but exhibit exertional hypoxemia on room air and improved exercise tolerance with oxygen.

Requires requalification at 90 days and every 12 months.

Qualifying Blood Gas Values

Arterial blood gases are required with the initial application for all clients age 19 and over, except palliative clients. Clients under 19 may qualify with oximetry.

PaO2 55 mmHg or less:

On room air at rest.

PaO2 56 - 60 mmHg:

Clients may be considered if they have one of the following conditions:

- Cor Pulmonale
- Pulmonary Hypertension
- Persistent Erythrocytosis / Polycythemia

OR if exercise is limited by hypoxemia and oximetry demonstrates $SpO_2 \leq 88\%$ for 2 minutes.

OR if nocturnal hypoxemia occurs (requires SpO_2 recording).

PaO2 > 60 mmHg:

Please see HOP Medical Funding Criteria on opposite side.

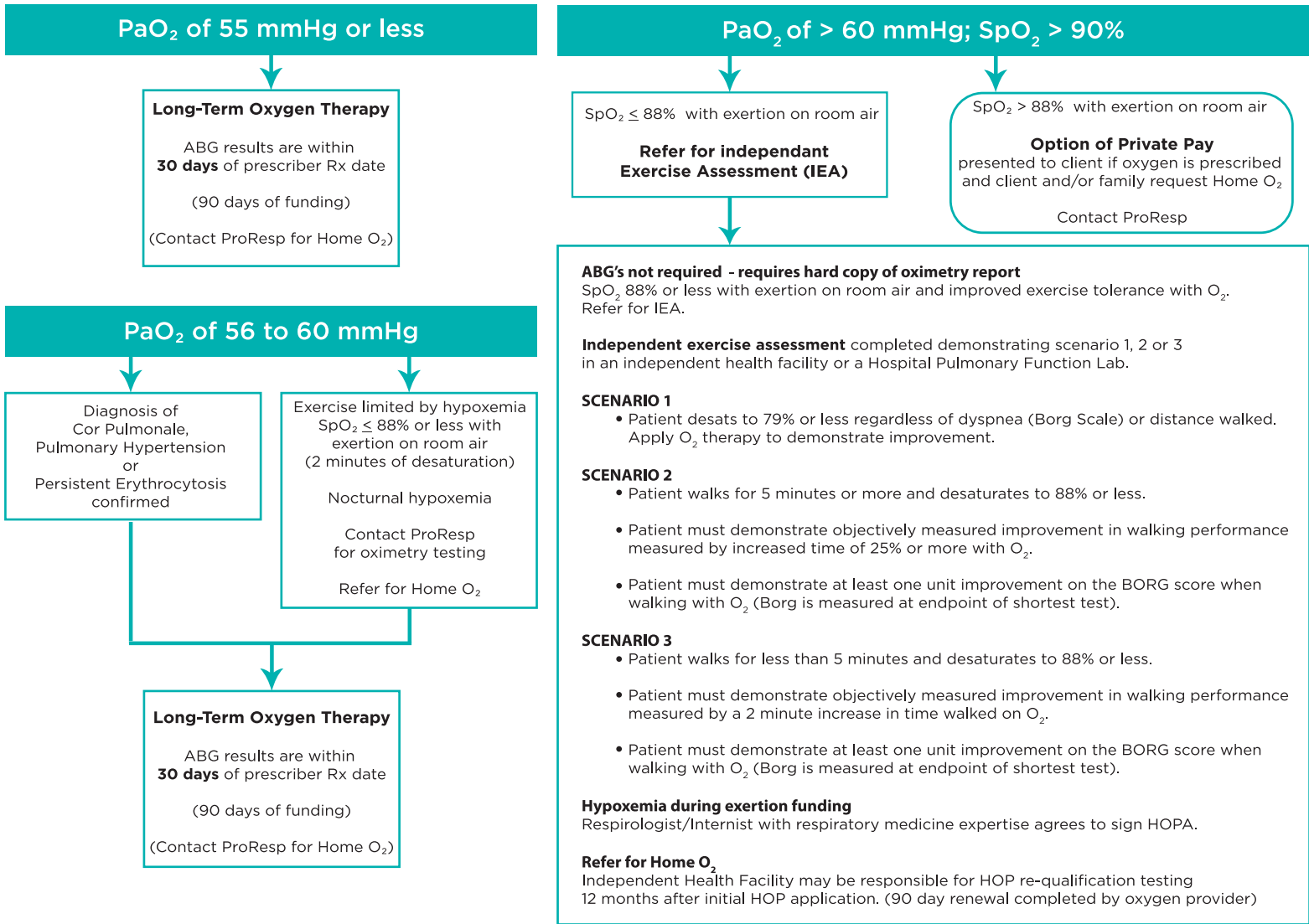
ABG cannot be taken due to medical risk

A hard copy of qualifying oximetry may be used with a letter from the prescriber ($SpO_2 \leq 88\%$ at rest or $SpO_2 89\% - 90\%$ with condition listed above under the PAO_2 56-60 mmHg).

HOME OXYGEN PROGRAM Medical Funding Criteria

Beginning with Arterial Blood Gas (ABG) results

*Exceptions are terminally-ill clients and those under 19 years of age.



Who Pays?

Some Insurance companies help cover the cost of oxygen.

Home Oxygen is available through private payment with a doctor's prescription if the criteria are not met.

HOP Pays	Individuals must meet above medical criteria. Rates set by Home Oxygen Program.
100%	65 years or older
100%	64 years or younger and receiving any of the following benefits: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ontario Works, Ontario Disability Support Program, Assistance to Children with Severe Disabilities• Professional services through a community care access centre• Resident of a long-term care facility
75%	64 years or younger and not receiving any of the above benefits. The remaining 25% is the client's responsibility.

Modified Borg Dyspnea Scale

Minor	Severe
0	nothing at all
0.1	very, very slight (just noticeable)
1	very slight
2	slight
3	moderate
4	somewhat severe
5	severe
6	
7	very severe
8	
9	very, very severe (almost maximal)
10	maximal