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ACHC is Approved by the Four DME MACs for PAP Devices

RALEIGH, NC- The Accreditation Commission for Health Care, Inc. received notice on September 20, 2011 from the Medical Directors of the four DME MACs approving the addition of ACHC as an approved accreditation body in the DME MAC local coverage determination (LCD) (L11518) for Positive Airway Pressure (PAP) Devices for the Treatment of Obstructive Sleep Apnea. It was stated that the Medical Directors will revise the LCD accordingly in the near future. Please read the attached letter by clicking [here](#).

The following section in LCD (L11518) will be updated as of fall/winter 2011: For PAP devices with coverage based on a facility-based polysomnogram, the interpreting physician must meet one of the four requirements listed for credentialing. ACHC will be added to one of the four requirements as listed below:

Active staff membership of a sleep center or laboratory accredited by the American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM) or The Joint Commission (formerly the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations – JCAHO) or *Accreditation Commission for Healthcare (ACHC)*

This decision applies to all of the DME MACs which are:

NHIC, Corp.- Part B DME MAC Jurisdiction A

National Government Services, Inc. - DME MAC Jurisdiction B

CGS Administrators, LLC - DME MAC Jurisdiction C

Noridian Administration Services, LLC - DME MAC Jurisdiction D

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