

Subject:	<b>Trial placement of CPAP defined as medical care</b>
Summary:	<p>The federation of technology branches (FHI) asked CVZ for an outcome of assessment on whether the trial placement of CPAP apparatus involves an insured provision in the form of 'medical care normally provided by medical specialists' or whether it is a provision insured as 'medical devices care'.</p> <p>In their draft outcome of assessment, CVZ distinguished between the titration period and the CPAP trial period. Based on consultations on this matter, CVZ concluded that, in practice, it is not easy to distinguish between the titration period and the trial period. It was decided that the entire process should be regarded as a 'trial period'. Based on the continued input of experts and the final accountability of the medical specialist during the trial period, CVZ feels that this is a matter involving medical care that is normally provided by medical specialists.</p> <p>During the trial period, the medical specialist's back-up function is of decisive importance for being able to make regular adjustments in the settings of the CPAP apparatus. This promotes therapy compliance with the treatment and therefore the efficacy of the treatment.</p> <p>This outcome of assessment means that both the positive and the negative trial periods (including the necessary accessories) are medical care and should be funded based on a DBC (diagnosis-treatment combination).</p>
Type of ruling:	SpZ = Outcome of Assessment Zvw
Date:	20 September 2010
Issued to:	Health insurer Care-providers
Care form:	Medical devices care and medical care normally provided by medical specialists