

1. There is a diagnosis of cystic fibrosis (ICD-9 277.00, 277.02).
 - (a) There must be well-documented failure of standard treatments to adequately mobilize retained secretions.

2. There is a diagnosis of bronchiectasis, (ICD-9 011.50-011.56, 494.0, 494.1, 748.61)
 - (a) characterized by daily productive cough for at least 6 continuous, months or, frequent (i.e. more than 2/year) exacerbations requiring antibiotic therapy
 - (b) confirmed by high resolution, spiral, or standard CT scan.
 - (c) There must be well-documented failure of standard treatments to adequately mobilize retained secretions.

3. The patient has one of the following neuromuscular disease diagnoses:
 - Post-polio (138)
 - Acid maltase deficiency (277.6)
 - Anterior horn cell diseases (335.0-335.9)
 - Multiple sclerosis (340)
 - Quadriplegia (344.00-344.09)
 - Hereditary muscular dystrophy (359.0, 359.1)
 - Myotonic disorders (359.21-359.29)
 - Other myopathies (359.4, 359.5, 359.6, 359.89)
 - Paralysis of the diaphragm (519.4)
 - (a) There must be well-documented failure of standard treatments to adequately mobilize retained secretions.

If all of the criteria are not met, the claim will be denied as not medically necessary.

- If Medicare denies the claim, we will explore appeal options through Medicare and/or determine whether other insurance coverage may pay some or all of the amount Medicare will not pay. We also may decide, in our sole discretion, to pursue an appeal, in whole or in part, to Medicare or another insurer, to try to obtain payment for The Vest® System. Even if we undertake an appeal, however, we will not necessarily pursue every appeal level. If these efforts do not result in payment from Medicare or the insurer, the patient will be responsible for the entire payment. If the patient cannot afford one of our Self-Payment Options, they may qualify for the Hill-Rom Patient Assistance Program. If the patient chooses not to pursue one of these alternatives, or if you have decided that The Vest® System therapy is not right for your patient, The Vest® System may be returned without further obligation.