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## Home Medical Equipment

### **Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP)**

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A CPAP machine is a simple respiratory ventilator that supplies continuous positive airway pressure. CPAP is highly effective in treatment of obstructive sleep apnea. CPAP prevents upper airway disturbance by pushing a steady stream of air through a mask worn while sleeping, effectively forcing the air passages to stay open allowing the patient to breathe.

When a CPAP machine is replaced, append modifier NU (new equipment) not modifier RA (replacement of a DME item).

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