



Lymphangiomyomatosis, or LAM is a rare lung disease that affects women almost exclusively. The LAM Foundation urgently seeks safe and effective treatments, and ultimately a cure for LAM, through advocacy and the funding of promising research.

Supplemental Oxygen Access Reform SOAR Act (H.R. 2902/S. 1406)

We urge members of Congress to cosponsor the Supplemental Oxygen Access Reform, SOAR Act H.R. 2902/S. 1406 to ensure anyone who requires supplemental oxygen can access the most appropriate type of oxygen for their needs.

Oxygen supplementation is critical to the lives of more than 1.5 million people in the U.S. facing serious health risks because they do not currently have access to the appropriate supplemental oxygen equipment and services.

Due to Medicare competitive bidding enacted in the 2000's, oxygen companies switched out longer lasting liquid oxygen for shorter duration, heavier, compressed oxygen, leaving high flow patients without the ability to leave their homes.

For comparison, portable liquid oxygen can last up to six hours and is small enough to fit in a backpack. Compressed oxygen, by contrast, is stored in large metal tanks and typically lasts only one to two hours.

For individuals with high oxygen flow needs, these limitations can effectively confine them to their homes, preventing them from participating fully in society through outside employment or even the simple joys of daily life—such as family outings, grocery shopping, or attending religious or social events. In addition, patients are often denied access to respiratory therapists and other specialists who could help them manage their care more effectively.

The SOAR Act will:

- Ensure that supplemental oxygen is patient-centric and create a patient's bill of rights
- Enable access to liquid oxygen and other portable modalities for patients for whom it is medically necessary by removing supplemental oxygen from Medicare's competitive bidding program
- Provide adequate reimbursement for respiratory therapists to ensure that patients have access to their services
- Strengthen fraud and abuse protections and ensure program integrity by establishing standardized documentation requirements that rely upon a template and implementing notice requirement for people receiving oxygen or oxygen related equipment supplies or services.

The LAM Foundation along with thirty leading patient, provider, and professional organizations have joined together in calling for support and cosponsors for the Supplemental Oxygen Access Reform or SOAR Act (S. 1406/ H.R. 2902).

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