

# CPAP Shortage Information

**Background:** In June of 2021, the FDA required a recall of several Philips Respironics CPAP and BiPAP machines, due to health risk from sound abatement foam natural degradation causing potential inhalation of particles and/or chemicals. Respironics quickly depleted their non-affected DreamStation 2 supply by replacing machines affected in the recall. Additionally, many people replaced recalled Respironics machines with ResMed units. Lastly, the impact of COVID on the supply chain further decreased device availability. Since ResMed and Respironics are the two main manufacturers, this has resulted in a world-wide shortage of CPAP and BiPAP machines.

## **To register your Respironics machine:**

- Go to <https://www.philipssrcupdate.expertinquiry.com/>
- Check the box that you are a patient
- Select your country as USA
- Type Serial Number, found on the bottom of your machine
- If your machine is affected, then complete the registration form

## **Options for those needing a new PAP (recently diagnosed) or replacement PAP machine (continuing therapy):**

### **1. Wait for Philips Respironics to replace your recalled machine**

- You may continue or discontinue use of the affected machine.  
*\*\*\*Whether or not you continue to use a recalled machine is a personal decision requiring careful evaluation of the risk of continued use of a recalled unit (described previously) and the risk of discontinuing PAP treatment (untreated OSA increases risk of high blood pressure, diabetes, heart disease, arrhythmia, stroke, and dementia).\*\*\**

### **2. Call your insurance to find in-network PAP suppliers and then call those companies to find an in-stock preferred ResMed AirSense 10 or 11 Auto CPAP/BiPAP machine (provide fax to us to send order)**

- Continuing PAP users are eligible through insurance if unit is 5 years old AND broken

### **3. Obtain in-stock Luna machine from local PAP supplier (order required)**

- Luna machines are base models that do not have remote download capabilities (you must bring them to the office for every appointment). In contrast to preferred ResMed AirSense 10/11 units, which have some extras (remote downloads, heated hose, app, etc.) that are nice to have, but not necessary.

### **4. Buy PAP on you own (order required)**

- Go through local supplier or on-line company (such as cpap.com) to purchase preferred ResMed machine. You may file with your insurance for reimbursement.
- Obtain refurbished ResMed AirSense 10 PAP at reduced price through Hiro, Healthstrong, or Reggie White Foundation. \*Keep in mind, insurance will not reimburse cost.