



Fisher & Paykel's
Pilairo™ nasal pillows

Product News, Masks

Pilairo™ nasal pillows are new from Fisher & Paykel – a very light interface, weighing only 1.83 ounces. The Pilairo features a self-inflating AirPillow™ Seal and minimal headgear for more freedom of movement. One size fits all. For use with bilevel and CPAP units up to 25 cm H₂O pressure. www.fphcare.com/products/pilairo-nasal-pillows-mask/

Eson™ nasal mask also from Fisher & Paykel features unique RollFit seal, ErgoFit headgear and low profile for a clear line of vision. Small, medium and large sizes. For use with bilevel and CPAP units up to 25 cm H₂O pressure. www.fphcare.com/products/eson-nasal-mask/



Fisher & Paykel's
Eson™ nasal mask

Consumer Health Information

Now that everyone seems to be using the Internet to obtain medical information, it's important to know which websites to trust for accurate, up-to-date and reliable information. The Medical Library Association has compiled a list of consumer health sites that it considers most useful and trustworthy. These include websites for major diseases such as cancer, diabetes and heart disease. www.mlanet.org/resources/userguide.html

Other reliable websites include:

MedlinePlus, sponsored by the National Institutes of Health, for disease definitions, explanations and symptoms, and medications. www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, for vaccination recommendations, traveler's health, epidemiological data and disease outbreaks. www.cdc.gov

Competitive Bidding Update

For background, go to www.ventusers.org/edu/valnews/val_26-5oct12pAll.pdf

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) competitive bidding program to cut costs for durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics and supplies (DMEPOS) is about to enter Round 2 on July 1, 2013, covering 91 additional geographical areas.

The CMS Ombudsman office handles inquiries and complaints about how the program is working for consumers and suppliers in the Round 1 areas. People who use bilevel units and their home health companies may be affected. If you have a complaint, please call 800-633-4227 or email CompetitiveAcquisitionOmbudsman@cms.hhs.gov. However, CMS records only the complaints that are passed to a higher level. If the complaints to the tollfree number are resolved, they are not considered a complaint. Please let IVUN know about your complaints and how they were handled; email www.info@ventusers.org.

A market pricing alternative to competitive bidding, H.R. 6490, was introduced in Congress last year, and if passed, would take effect in July 2013. www.ventusers.org/edu/valnews/val_26-3jun12p2-6.pdf ■

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