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Oxygen generators and oxygen equipment intended for emergency use may be marketed for over-the-counter (OTC) distribution, provided such devices deliver a minimum flow rate of 6 liters of oxygen per minute, maintained for a minimum of 15 minutes. This flow rate establishes a minimum total oxygen delivery capacity of 90 liters for these devices. Labeling for the emergency use of oxygen generators and oxygen equipment for OTC use may not contain references to heart attacks, strokes, shock or any other medical condition which only licensed practitioners diagnose or treat.

Devices which do not meet the minimum flow rate criteria of 6 liters of oxygen per minute, maintained for 15 minutes, are regarded as prescription devices and must bear the prescription legend, provided that these devices have a minimum total oxygen delivery capacity of 90 liters. These devices are considered to have therapeutic value, but may not be labeled for emergency use.

Devices which are unable to provide a minimum total oxygen delivery capacity of 90 liters, regardless of minimum flow rate, will be considered not substantially equivalent to devices in commercial distribution.