



## **Expanded Reimbursement Coverage Offers New Opportunities**

Effective October 1, 2008 Medicare expanded coverage of High Frequency Chest Wall Oscillation to include many Neuromuscular conditions. The following diagnoses are among those included: Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, Multiple Sclerosis, Quadriplegia, Muscular Dystrophy, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, Spinal Muscular Atrophy, Post-Polio, and others where there is well-documented failure of standard treatments to adequately mobilize retained secretions.

Andrew Bloom, vice president of Sales, Respiratory Care for Hill-Rom, explained, "With expanded coverage, we will be able to be an approved therapeutic solution for a wider population of patients and disease states. These are people who would otherwise have never have been eligible to try this therapy."

"With this policy expansion we will be able to better meet the needs of our patients and physicians," said Chad Boerst, vice president and general manager, Respiratory Care. "This tremendous opportunity from the Medicare program is an important forward movement in our efforts to expand diagnosis coverage for this Therapy."