Important Provider Notice

HIGHMARK WHOLECARE

April 1, 2023

PA Medicaid Policy Updates Effective May 1, 2023

An Update for Medicaid Providers and Clinicians

Annually Reviewed Medical Policies with Changes

MP-108-MD-PA Multimarker Serum Testing Related to Ovarian Cancer

Per PA DHS TAG determination, the OVA1 test (CPT code 81503) may be considered medically necessary under specific circumstances. Adjusted 'Procedures' section to include medical necessity guidance. Added TAG determination Option #3. Updated 'Summary of Literature' and 'Reference Sources' sections.

MP-058-MD-PA Pulmonary Rehabilitation (PR)

Added 'Post-COVID PR' section to 'Procedures' section with medical necessity guidance. Added 'Activities of Daily Living' to 'Definitions' section. Removed 'Covered', replaced with 'not medically necessary'. Updated 'Reference Sources' section.

MP-004-MD-PA Bariatric Surgery

No changes to clinical criteria. Added procedure code 43659. Removed the following CPT codes: 43860, 43865, S9449, S9451, S9452, 97802, 97803, & 97804, per CMS guidance. Reformatted Diagnosis Code requirements. Removed the following ICD-10 codes: E66.09, E66.3, E66.8, I27.20, I27.21, I27.22, I27.23, & I27.24, all per CMS guidance. Per CMS guidance, ICD-10 code E66.01 must be billed for bariatric surgery, along with at least one Group 1 diagnosis code, and at least one Group 2 diagnosis code.

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