Important Provider Notice

HIGHMARK WHOLECARE

August 1, 2025

PA Medicaid Policy Updates Effective September 1, 2025

An Update for Medicaid Providers and Clinicians

Annually Reviewed Medical Policies with Changes

MP-119-MD-PA Drug Testing

No changes to clinical criteria. Updated 'Reference Sources' section. The following ICD-10-CM codes have been deleted and therefore have been removed: M5136 and M5137 in Groups 1 and 2. The following ICD-10-CM codes have been added: M51360, M51361, M51362, M51369, M51370, M51371, M51372, M51379 and R41.85.

Annually Reviewed Medical Policies without Changes

MP-122-MD-PA Selected Tests for Rheumatic Diseases

No changes to clinical criteria. Updated 'Reference Sources' section.

MP-123-MD-PA Laboratory Studies for Diagnosing and Managing Inflammatory Bowel Disease

No changes to clinical criteria. Updated 'Reference Sources' section.

MP-118-MD-PA Experimental/Investigational Services

No changes to clinical criteria. Updated 'Summary of Literature' section.

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