Important Provider Notice

HIGHMARK WHOLECARE

September 1, 2024

PA Medicaid Policy Updates Effective October 1, 2024

An Update for Medicaid Providers and Clinicians

New Policies

MP-131-MD-PA Vision Therapy (Orthoptics and Pleoptics)

Annually Reviewed Medical Policies with Changes

MP-119-MD-PA Drug Testing

No changes to clinical criteria. The following ICD-10-CM code has been deleted and therefore has been removed from the article: I47.1 in Presumptive and Definitive UDT ICD-10 coding lists. The following ICD-10-CM codes have been added to the article: I47.11, I47.19, R40.2A in Presumptive and Definitive UDT ICD-10 coding lists.

MP-061-MD-PA Molecular Tumor Markers for Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC)

No changes to clinical criteria. Updated the following CPT code Description language: 81404, 81405, and 81406 per AMA guidance. Updated 'Summary of Literature' and 'Reference Sources' sections.

Annually Reviewed Medical Policies without Changes

MP-063-MD-PA Genetic Testing for Warfarin and Clopidogrel Therapy

No changes to clinical criteria. Updated 'Summary of Literature' and 'Reference Sources' sections.

MP-115-MD-PA Concurrent Care

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

MP-062-MD-PA BRAF Mutation Analysis

No changes to clinical criteria. Updated 'Summary of Literature' and 'Reference Sources' sections.

MP-065-MD-PA Molecular Markers for Fine Needle Aspirates of Thyroid Nodules

No changes to clinical criteria. Updated 'Summary of Literature' and 'Reference Sources' sections.

MP-124-MD-PA Serum Biomarker Panel Testing for Systemic Lupus Erythematosus

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

MP-050-MD-PA Bronchial Thermoplasty

No changes to clinical criteria. Updated 'Summary of Literature' and 'Reference Sources' sections.

MP-103-MD-PA Minimally Invasive Lumbar Decompression (MILD)

No changes to E/I stance. Updated 'Summary of Literature' and 'Reference Sources' sections.

MP-059-MD-PA Colorectal Cancer Screening

No changes to clinical criteria. Updated 'Summary of Literature' and 'Reference Sources' sections.

MP-111-MD-PA Endoscopic Ultrasound (EUS) and Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiopancreatography (ERCP)

No changes to clinical criteria. Updated 'Summary of Literature' and 'Reference Sources' sections.

MP-127-MD-PA Observation Care (Hospital Outpatient)

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

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