Important Provider Notice

HIGHMARK WHOLECARE

March 1, 2024

PA Medicaid Policy Updates Effective April 1, 2024

An Update for Medicaid Providers and Clinicians

Annually Reviewed Medical Policies with Changes

MP-017-MD-PA BCR-ABL1 Testing in Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia and Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia

No changes to clinical criteria. Reformatted 'Procedures' section. Updated 'Summary of Literature' and 'Reference Sources' sections. Updated the code description of the following ICD-10 codes: C92.10, C92.11, C92.12, C92.90, C92.91, & C92.92.

MP-041-MD-PA Panniculectomy/Abdominoplasty/Lipectomy

Revised medical records documentation requirements under section #2 of the 'Procedures' section. Updated 'Summary of Literature' and 'Reference Sources' sections.

MP-102-MD-PA Gastric Electrical Stimulation (GES)

Per DHS TAG determination, CPT codes 43647, 43648, 43881, and 43882 have been changed from an Option #4 (Experimental/Investigational) to an Option #3 (Indicates service, device, or procedure may be medically effective under specific but very narrow clinical circumstances for a small number of patients. Medical evidence is limited but promising or not available in large clinical trials. Will require the submission of a Program Exception request.) Updated 'Procedure' section with new coverage guidance. The following CPT codes have been added: 95980, 95981, & 95982. Updated 'Summary of Literature' and 'Reference Sources' sections.

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MP-082-MD-PA Cosmetic Procedures

No changes to clinical criteria. Updated 'Summary of Literature' and 'Reference Sources' sections. Added 'Governing Bodies Approval' section.

MP-033-MD-PA Gender Affirmation Services

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

MP-012-MD-PA Chromosomal Microarray Analysis (CMA): Comparative Genomic Hybridization (CGH) and Single Nucleotide Polymorphism (SNP)

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

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