Important Provider Notice

HIGHMARK WHOLECARE

August 1, 2023

PA Medicaid Policy Updates Effective September 1, 2023

An Update for Medicaid Providers and Clinicians

Annually Reviewed Medical Policies with Changes

MP-072-MD-PA Ambulance Services – Ground

Removed retired CMS guidance, including the ICD-10 Diagnosis Code section and requirements. Removed Retired CMS LCD & LCA references (LCD/LCA retired as of 02/09/2023).

MP-059-MD-PA Colorectal Cancer Screening

Adjusted colorectal screening cut-off age from 85 to 75 per USPSTF guidance. Added USPSTF guidance to 'Governing Bodies Approval' section. Updated 'Summary of Literature' and 'Reference Sources' sections.

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MP-090-MD-PA Automated Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitoring (ABPM)

No changes to clinical criteria. Updated CMS guidance. Updated pediatric patients BP table. Updated 'Reference Sources' section.

MP-069-MD-PA Home Oxygen Therapy (HOT)

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

MP-101-MD-PA Repetitive Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation

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

New Policies

MP-118-MD-PA Experimental/Investigational Services

MP-117-MD-PA Clinical Trials

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

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

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

MP-119-MD-PA Drug Testing

MP-120-MD-PA Tumor Markers

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