Important Provider Notice

HIGHMARK WHOLECARE

June 1, 2024

PA Medicaid Policy Updates Effective July 1, 2024

An Update for Medicaid Providers and Clinicians

New Policies

MP-128-MD-PA Nerve Conduction Studies (NCS) and Electromyography (EMG)

Urgently Reviewed Medical Policy

MP-071-MD-PA Non-Oncologic Genetic Testing Panels

Added CPT code 81443 as an Option #2 per PA DHS TAG determination.

Annually Reviewed Medical Policies with Changes

MP-107-MD-PA Treatment of the Prostate

Changed policy title from "Prostatic Urethral Lift" to "Treatment of the Prostate." Added coverage guidance under 'Procedures' section for HoLAP, HoLEP, HOLRP, PVP, TUEVP, TUVAP, TUMT, TURP, TULIP, WIT, and Prostatectomy. Updated coverage guidance for PUL. Added the following CPT codes: 52450, 52601, 52630, 52640, 52647, 52648, 52649, 53850, 53852. 53854, 55801, 55810, 55812, 55815, 55821, 55831, 55840, 55842. 55845, 55866, 55873, & 55899. Added the following ICD-10 codes: D29.1, D40.0, D49.59, N32.0, N32.89, N32.9, N39.41, N39.42, N39.43, N39.44, N39.45, N39.46, N40.0, N40.2, N42.83, N42.89, N32.9, C61, C79.82, D07.5, & Z85.46. Added the following Noncovered Procedure codes: 37243, 53855, 53899, 55880, C9739, C9740, & C9769. Updated 'Summary of Literature' and 'Reference Sources' sections.

MP-032-MD-PA Skin Replacement Therapy for Chronic Non healing Wounds in the Outpatient Setting

Per PA DHS TAG determination, HCPCS codes Q4158 and A2019 have been changed from an Option #4 to an Option #1, the codes have been added to the PA Fee Schedule. Added codes Q4158 and A2019 to Procedure Codes under Coding Requirements section.

MP-091-MD-PA Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS)

Updated 'Procedure' section guidelines. Added the following HCPCS codes: C1767, C1778, C1787, C1816, C1820, C1822, & C1897 to 'Coding Requirements' section.

MP-057-MD-PA Cardiac Rehabilitation, Phase II Outpatient

Updated 'Procedure' section with additional indications for when cardiac rehabilitation is not medically necessary and additional contraindications. Added indications for home cardiac rehabilitation. Added CPT code 93797 to the 'Coding Requirements' section.

MP-052-MD-PA Breast Reconstructive Surgery

Added Mastectomy, Mastectomy for Fibrocystic Breast, and Nipple Sparing Mastectomy (NSM) guidance under 'Procedures' section. Added the following mastectomy related CPT codes: 19301, 19302, 19303, 19305, 19306, and 19307. Updated 'Summary of Literature' and 'Reference Sources' sections.

MP-113-MD-PA Gastrointestinal Pathogen Assays

No changes to clinical criteria. Added CPT code 0369U. Revised 'Coding Requirements' section formatting. Updated 'Summary of Literature' and 'Reference Sources' sections.

Annually Reviewed Medical Policies without Changes

MP-011-MD-PA BRCA1 and BRCA2 Genetic Mutation Testing

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

MP-094-MD-PA Magnetic Resonance-Guided Focused Ultrasound (MRgFUS)

No changes to clinical stance. Updated 'Summary of Literature,' 'Governing Bodies Approval' and 'Reference Sources' sections.

MP-020-MD-PA Hysterectomy for Benign Conditions

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

MP-053-MD-PA Carpal Tunnel Surgery

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

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