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PA Medicaid Policy Updates Effective November 1, 2023

An Update for Medicaid Providers and Clinicians

New Policies

MP-126-MD-PA Pharmacogenetic Testing

Annually Reviewed Medical Policies with Changes

MP-059-MD-PA Colorectal Cancer Screening

Removed the following HCPCS codes from the 'Coding Requirements' section: G0104, G0105, G0106, G0120, G0121, G0122, G0328.

MP-092-MD-PA Upper Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (EGD-esophagogastroduodenoscopy)

No changes to clinical criteria. Updated "odynophagia" definition. Updated 'Summary of Literature' and 'Reference Sources' sections. The following ICD-10 diagnosis codes have been added: K20.80, K20.81, K20.90, & K20.91. The following ICD-10 diagnosis codes have been removed: K20.8 & K20.9, all per AMA guidelines.

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

No changes to clinical criteria. Removed deleted ICD-10 code Q85.8. Added ICD-10 code Q85.89. Updated 'Summary of Literature' and 'Reference Sources' sections.

MP-074-MD-PA Oncologic Genetic Testing Panels

No changes to clinical criteria. Added the PA DHS TAG determination information for CPT code 81479, which is listed as an Option #3 (Approved with [or denied due to] Limited/Minimal Evidence of Effectiveness - Will require Program Exception) Updated 'Summary of Literature' and 'Reference Sources' sections. Updated the Description for the following CPT codes: 81445, 81450, and 81455, per AMA guidance.

Annually Reviewed Medical Policies without Changes

MP-098-MD-PA Surgical Treatment of Obstructive Sleep Apnea

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

MP-007-MD-PA Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT)

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

MP-018-MD-PA Genetic Testing for Lynch Syndrome, Familial Adenomatous Polyposis (FAP), Attenuated FAP and MYH-associated Polyposis No changes to clinical criteria. Updated 'Summary of Literature' and 'Reference Sources' sections MP-100-MD-PA Gene Expression and Biomarker Prostate Cancer Testing No changes to experimental/investigational status. Updated 'Summary of Literature' and 'Reference Sources' sections. Health benefits or health benefit administration may be provided by or through Highmark Wholecare, coverage by Gateway Health Plan, an independent licensee of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association

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