Important Provider Notice

HIGHMARK WHOLECARE

October 1, 2023

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.