Important Provider Notice

HIGHMARK WHOLECARE

November 1, 2023

PA Medicaid Policy Updates Effective December 1, 2023

An Update for Medicaid Providers and Clinicians

New Policies

MP-115-MD-PA Concurrent Care

MP-121-MD-PA Experimental/Investigational Laboratory Services

MP-127-MD-PA Observation Care (Hospital Outpatient)

Annually Reviewed Medical Policies with Changes

MP-084-MD-PA Cochlear Implants

Reformatted 'Procedures' section and clinical criteria. Updated 'Summary of Literature' and 'Reference Sources' sections. Added the following ICD-10 codes: H90.41, & H90.42.

MP-114-MD-PA Cardiac Contractility Modulation (CCM) Therapy

Removed "Normal sinus rhythm" requirement from clinical criteria, per FDA guidance. Updated 'Summary of Literature' and 'Reference Sources' sections

Annually Reviewed Medical Policies without Changes

MP-066-MD-PA Fecal Microbiota Transplant

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

MP-070-MD-PA Electrical Bone Growth Stimulators (Noninvasive/Invasive, Spinal, & Ultrasound)

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

MP-104-MD-PA Exhaled Nitric Oxide Measurement in the Management of Respiratory Disorders

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

MP-105-MD-PA Breast Scintimammography

No changes to E/I clinical stance. Updated 'Summary of Literature' and 'Reference Sources' section

MP-106-MD-PA Dual-Energy X-ray Absorptiometry (DXA) for Vertebral Fracture Assessment

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

MP-006-MD-PA Genetic Testing for Cystic Fibrosis

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

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

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

MP-005-MD-PA Gene Expression Testing for Cancer Treatment (Breast, Colon, Prostate)

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

MP-109-MD-PA Bronchial Valves

No changes to experimental/investigational stance. Updated 'Summary of Literature' and 'Reference Sources' sections.

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