Important Provider Notice

HIGHMARK WHOLECARE

November 1, 2025

PA Medicaid Policy Updates Effective December 1, 2025

An Update for Medicaid Providers and Clinicians

New Policy

MP-138-MD-PA Cardiovascular Disease Laboratory Testing

MP-139-MD-PA Lymphoscintigraphy

MP-140-MD-PA Pulse Oximetry, Home Use

Annually Reviewed Medical Policies with Changes

MP-118-MD-PA Experimental/Investigational Services

Urgent Revision: No changes to clinical criteria. Updated 'Summary of Literature' section. Removed procedure codes 0607T & 0608T per PA DHS TAG determination.

MP-126-MD-PA Pharmacogenetic Testing

Added coding and Program Exception information for procedure code 0175U, per PA DHS guidance. Updated 'Summary of Literature' and 'Reference Sources' sections.

Annually Reviewed Medical Policies without Changes

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-099-MD-PA Electrical Stimulation for Oropharyngeal Dysphagia

No changes to Experimental/Investigational stance. Updated 'Summary of Literature' and 'Reference Sources' sections.

MP-100-MD-PA Gene Expression and Biomarker Prostate Cancer Testing

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

MP-101-MD-PA Repetitive Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation

No change to Experimental/Investigational determination. 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 experimental/investigational stance. Updated 'Summary of Literature section.

MP-105-MD-PA Breast Scintimammography

No changes to experimental/investigational stance. Updated 'Reference Sources' section.

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

No change to experimental/investigational stance. Updated 'Reference Sources' section.

MP-109-MD-PA Bronchial Valves

No changes to experimental/investigational stance. Updated 'Reference Sources' section.

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

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

MP-115-MD-PA Concurrent Care

No changes to clinical criteria. Updated 'Reference Sources' section.

MP-117-MD-PA Clinical Trials

No changes to clinical criteria. Updated 'Reference Sources' section.

MP-129-MD-PA Long-Term Acute Care (LTAC)

No changes to clinical criteria. Updated 'Reference Sources' section.

Retired Policies

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

Policy to be Retired. InterQual® criteria exist for hyperbaric oxygen therapy.

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

Policy to be Retired. InterQual® criteria exist for home oxygen therapy.

MP-084-MD-PA Cochlear Implants

Policy to be Retired; InterQual® criteria exist for the cochlear implantation procedure and device components.

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

Policy to be Retired. InterQual® criteria exist for gastric electrical stimulation.

MP-111-MD-PA Endoscopic Ultrasound (EUS) and Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiopancreatography (ERCP)

Policy to be Retired, InterQual® criteria exists for listed procedures.

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