Important Provider Notice

HIGHMARK WHOLECARE

October 1, 2024

PA Medicaid Policy Updates Effective November 1, 2024

An Update for Medicaid Providers and Clinicians

Annually Reviewed Medical Policies with Changes

MP-090-MD-PA Automated Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitoring (ABPM)

Added 'Gestational Hypertension' clinical criteria to 'Procedures' section. Revised 'Procedure' sections guidelines. Added CPT code 93050 as a Noncovered Procedure Code. Updated 'Summary of Literature' and 'Reference Sources' sections.

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

No changes to clinical criteria. Updated 'Summary of Literature' and 'Reference Sources' sections. Removed previous Diagnosis Code tables, replaced with one Diagnosis Code table for all applicable Procedure Codes. Added diagnoses codes D37.6 and R93.2.

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. Updated the code Description for the following Procedure Codes: 81401 ,81403 , 81405 , & 81406.

MP-074-MD-PA Oncologic Genetic Testing Panels

No changes to clinical criteria. Updated 'Summary of Literature' and 'Reference Sources' sections. Updated the code Description for the following Procedure Codes: 81401, 81402, 81403, 81404, 81405, 81406, & 81407.

Annually Reviewed Medical Policies without Changes

MP-126-MD-PA Pharmacogenetic Testing

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

MP-096-MD-PA Scanning Computerized Ophthalmic Diagnostic Imaging

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

MP-084-MD-PA Cochlear Implants

No changes to clinical criteria. Updated code description for Procedure code 92627. Updated 'Summary of Literature' and 'Reference Sources' sections.

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

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

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.

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