Important Provider Notice

HIGHMARK WHOLECARE

December 1, 2024

PA Medicare Policy Updates Effective January 1, 2025

An Update for Medicare Providers and Clinicians

New Policy

MP-103-MC-PA Treatment of Chronic Venous Insufficiency of the Lower Extremities (L34924)

Annually Reviewed Medical Policies without Changes

MP-076-MC-PA Biomarkers Overview (L35062)

No changes to clinical criteria. Updated CMS hyperlinks.

MP-094-MC-PA Acupuncture for Chronic Low Back Pain (NCD 30.3.3)

No changes to clinical criteria. CPT codes 20560 & 20561 are now managed by HealthHelp.

MP-096-MC-PA Implantable Continuous Glucose Monitors (I-CGM) (L38617)

No changes to clinical criteria. Updated CMS hyperlinks and 'Reference Sources' section.

MP-097-MC-PA Magnetic-Resonance-Guided Focused Ultrasound Surgery (MRgFUS) for Essential Tremor (L38495)

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

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