Important Provider Notice

HIGHMARK WHOLECARE

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PA Medicare Policy Updates Effective April 1, 2025

An Update for Medicare Providers and Clinicians

Annually Reviewed Medical Policies with Changes

MP-101-MC-PA Ambulatory Electrocardiograph (AECG) Monitoring (L39490)

No changes to clinical criteria. Updated CMS hyperlinks and 'Reference Sources' section. Removed HCPCS code G2066, per CMS guidance.

MP-073-MC-PA Upper Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (Diagnostic and Therapeutic) (L35350)

No changes to clinical criteria. Updated CMS hyperlinks and 'Reference Sources' section. Removed the following ICD-10 code: C88.4; added the following ICD-10 code: C88.40, per CMS guidance.

Annually Reviewed Medical Policies without Changes

MP-001-MC-PA Cataract Extraction (including Complex Cataract Surgery) (L35091)

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

MP-053-MC-PA Electrocardiographic Services (NCD 20.15)

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

MP-093-MC-PA Gastrointestinal Pathogen (GIP) Panels Utilizing Multiplex Nucleic Acid Amplification Techniques (NAATs) (L38229)

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

MP-089-MC-PA Hypoglossal Nerve Stimulation for the Treatment of Obstructive Sleep Apnea (L38385)

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

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