



# Important Provider Notice



September 1, 2023

## PA Medicare Policy Updates Effective October 1, 2023

### An Update for Medicare Providers and Clinicians

#### Annually Reviewed Medical Policies with Changes

##### MP-081-MC-PA Observation Care (Hospital Outpatient)

Revised 'Procedures' section and certain Medical Necessity Guidelines. Removed retired CMS LCA (retirement effective date January 1, 2023). Removed the following deleted CPT codes: 99217, 99218, 99219, 99220, 99224, 99225, and 99226; replaced with the following CPT codes: 99221, 99222, 99223, 99231, 99232, 99233, 99238, and 99239, all per AMA guidance. Updated 'Reference Sources' section.

#### Annually Reviewed Medical Policies without Changes

##### MP-088-MD-PA Negative Pressure Wound Therapy (NPWT) Pumps (L33821)

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

#### New Policies

##### MP-101-MC-PA Inpatient Only

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