

The Bulletin

This monthly bulletin includes recent changes to our medical and reimbursement policies.

Notes

- *The Bulletin* is a supplement to our bimonthly provider newsletter, [*The Connection*](#).
 - Medication policy updates are published in *The Connection*.
- Dental policy updates are published in the News section of asurisdental.com/providers.

Medical policies

Commercial

Changes effective August 1, 2025

Behavioral Health

- Applied Behavior Analysis for the Treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorder (#18)
 - Clarified policy criteria

Medicine

- New and Emerging Medical Technologies and Procedures (#149)
 - Moved 12 codes from this policy to other policies:
 - 11 codes moved to new *Extravascular (Substernal) Implantable Cardioverter-Defibrillator* (Surgery #17) medical policy
 - One code moved to the *Low-Level Laser Therapy* (Medicine #105) commercial medical policy

Surgery

- Extravascular (Substernal) Implantable Cardioverter-Defibrillator (#17)
 - New policy
- Varicose Vein Treatment (#104)
 - Clarified required documentation for conservative therapy

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Medical Policy Manual](#)

Medicare Advantage

Changes effective July 1, 2025

Genetic Testing

- Genetic and Molecular Diagnostics – Next Generation Sequencing, Genetic Panels, and Biomarker Testing (#64)
 - Updated Medicare guidance for the Tutivia test for kidney transplant rejection

Medicine

- Cardiac Hemodynamic and Thoracic Fluid Index Monitoring for the Management of Heart Failure in the Outpatient Setting (#33)
 - Updated Medicare guidance for Implantable Pulmonary Artery Pressure Sensors for Heart Failure Management from a decision memo to a new national coverage determination (NCD)

Changes effective August 1, 2025

Durable Medical Equipment

- Noninvasive Ventilators in the Home Setting (#87)
 - Added new National Coverage Analysis (NCA) for ventilators in the home consequent to chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)

Medicine

- Investigational (Experimental) Services, New and Emerging Medical Technologies and Procedures, and Other Non-Covered Services (#149)
 - Removed 2 codes
 - One code moved to the *Low-Level Laser Therapy* (Medicine #105) Medicare Advantage medical policy
 - One code removed because the FDA granted the device de novo status

Surgery

- Gastric Electrical Stimulation (#111)
 - Removed retired article A51751 and changed to review with commercial policy

Changes effective November 1, 2025

Surgery

- Extravascular (Substernal) Implantable Cardioverter-Defibrillator (#17)
 - New policy will rely on commercial policy guidance

**View our Medicare Advantage
Medical Policy Manual**

Join our medical policy discussion

We encourage input as policies are developed, but we also have a formal process that allows you to submit additional information—such as well-designed, published clinical trials—that may warrant a policy review. To share your feedback about our medical policies, join our [reviewer list](#).

Recent updates and archived medical policies

We encourage you to review [recent updates and archived medical policies](#), which may also include revisions that will be published in the next issue of *The Bulletin*.

Reimbursement policies

Changes effective August 1, 2025

Medicine

- Cellular and Gene Therapy Products (#112)—applies to commercial and Medicare Advantage
 - Updated drug names and estimated FDA approval dates on list of affected products

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Reimbursement policy feedback

We encourage physicians and other health care professionals to share their input using our [Reimbursement Policy Feedback Form](#).

Verify your provider information

Providing up-to-date and accurate information about the providers in each of our networks is critical for our members to access care, and it's a requirement for the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and Medicare Advantage plans.

Validating provider directory content

Practice information, including rosters, must be reviewed and validated in its entirety at least once every 90 days. [Follow these steps](#) to review the information about your practice.

- Respond timely to our requests for verification of your directory data.
- If your clinic or facility submits provider rosters to us, please send changes, corrections, additions or terminations immediately so we can update our directories as soon as possible.

We appreciate your assistance in keeping information about your practice up to date.

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