

The Bulletin

This monthly bulletin includes recent changes to our medical policies and reimbursement policies. It is a supplement to our bimonthly provider newsletter, *The Connection*. **Note:** Medication and dental policy updates are published in *The Connection*.

Our provider website includes [monthly summaries of changes](#) to our reimbursement, medication and dental policies, pre-authorization requirements, *Administrative Manual* and programs or initiatives that impact your office.

Medical policies

Disclaimer: View the [terms and conditions](#) of using our *Medical Policy Manual*.

Commercial

Changes effective September 1, 2022

Surgery

- Stereotactic Radiosurgery and Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy for Tumors Outside of Intracranial, Skull Base, or Orbital Sites (#SUR214)
 - Added schwannomas to the list of medically necessary indications

Changes effective December 1, 2022

Durable Medical Equipment

- Definitive Lower Limb Protheses (#DME18)
 - New medical policy includes medical necessity criteria for lower limb protheses

Surgery

- Pectus Excavatum and Carinatum Surgery (#SUR12.02)
 - Revising medical policy name; policy was previously titled *Pectus Excavatum*
 - Adding surgical treatment of pectus carinatum to the policy

Medicare Advantage

Changes effective December 1, 2022

Durable Medical Equipment

- Definitive Lower Limb Prostheses (#M-DME18)
 - New Medicare Advantage medical policy includes medical necessity criteria for lower limb prostheses

Join our medical policy discussion

We welcome your input and feedback as we draft our medical policies. [Join our email reviewer list](#). While we prefer to receive input as policies are developed, we also have a formal process that allows you to submit additional information, such as clinical trial results, that may warrant a policy review.

Recent updates and archived medical policies

[Recent updates and archived medical policies](#) may include revisions that will be published in the next issue of *The Bulletin*.

Reimbursement policies

There were no recent commercial or Medicare Advantage reimbursement policy updates.

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Join our reimbursement policy discussion

Comments from physicians and other health care professionals regarding reimbursement policies are welcome. If you have a comment regarding a reimbursement policy, please complete the [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 a compliance requirement for the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and Medicare Advantage plans.

Validating provider directory content

Please [follow these steps](#) to review the information about your practice every 90 days. **Please respond timely to any requests from us for verification of your directory data.**

If your clinic or facility submits provider rosters to us, please submit changes, corrections, additions or terminations immediately so we can update our directories as soon as possible. **Your roster must be validated and reviewed in its entirety at least once per quarter.**

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

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