

# The Bulletin

This monthly bulletin includes recent changes to our medical and reimbursement policies. It is a supplement to our bimonthly provider newsletter, <u>Provider News</u>. **Note**: Medication policy updates are published in *Provider News*.

### **Medical policies**

# **Changes effective May 1, 2025 Genetic Testing**

- Noninvasive Prenatal Testing to Determine Fetal Aneuploidies, Microdeletions, Single-Gene Disorders, and Twin Zygosity (#44)
  - Combined investigational criteria in the policy

#### Surgery

- Anterior Abdominal Wall (Including Incisional) Hernia Repair (#12.03)
  - Removed pre-authorization for members 18 or younger

## **Changes effective August 1, 2025 Durable Medical Equipment**

- Augmentative Communication Devices and Systems (#52)
  - New commercial medical policy with medical necessity criteria will apply only to Individual members
- Power Wheelchairs: Group 2 and Group 3 (#37)
  - Changing policy title; policy was previously titled Power Wheelchairs: Group 3
  - Adding group 2 criteria and codes to the policy
- Spinal Orthoses: Thoracic-Lumbar-Sacral (TLSO), Lumbar-Sacral (LSO), and Lumbar (#97)
  - New commercial medical policy with medical necessity criteria will apply only to Individual members

#### Laboratory

- Testosterone Testing (#81)
  - New medical policy

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#### 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 <u>recent updates and archived medical policies</u>, which may also include revisions that will be published in the next issue of *The Bulletin*.

### Reimbursement policies

## Changes effective May 1, 2025 Administrative

- Virtual Care (#132)—**Editor's note, 6/11/25**: Modifier descriptions have been removed from this publication with no impact on policy. View the policy for modifier descriptions.
  - Added modifier FQ as a type of audio-only services in addition to modifier 93
  - Added additional codes allowed with modifier FQ
  - Added that we follow the American Medical Association (AMA) CPT Appendix to determine which services are eligible to be billed with modifier 93

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#### **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).

#### 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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