

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*.

Medical policies

Changes effective June 1, 2023

Genetic Testing

- Genetic Testing for Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer and Li-Fraumeni Syndrome (#02)
 - Added indications for testing based on family history
 - Reorganized criteria for testing breast cancer-related genes

Transplant

- Heart Transplants (#02)
 - Updated criteria for increased clarity

Changes effective September 1, 2023

Durable Medical Equipment

- Negative Pressure Wound Therapy in the Outpatient Setting (#42)
 - Updating the policy criteria for clarity, including:
 - Revising documentation requirements
 - Policy will now address single-use negative pressure wound therapy systems
- Tumor Treatment Field Therapy (TTFT) (#85)
 - New policy will have medically necessary and investigational criteria for Tumor Treatment Field Therapy (TTFT)

Genetic Testing

- Genetic Testing for Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer and Li-Fraumeni Syndrome (#02)
 - Removing criteria related to testing for specific single-gene syndromes (e.g., PTEN) that are addressed in other policies and/or are no longer recommended by clinical practice guidelines

Medicine

- Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation as a Treatment of Depression and Other Disorders (#148)
 - Updating policy criteria regarding:
 - Antidepressant use
 - Failure of psychotherapy
 - Extension of transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS)

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Medicare Advantage

Changes effective June 1, 2023

Surgery

- Blepharoplasty, Eyelid Surgery, and Brow Lift (#12.05)
 - New Medicare Advantage medical policy addresses blepharoplasty, eyelid surgery and brow lift using Medicare local coverage determinations (LCDs) and articles (LCAs), which were previously addressed in the *Cosmetic and Reconstructive Procedures* (Surgery #12) Medicare Advantage medical policy

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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

Commercial

Changes effective June 1, 2023

Administrative

- Preventable Adverse Events (#106)
 - Clarified definition of a preventable event
 - Added examples of preventable adverse events
 - Updated references

Medicare Advantage

Changes effective June 1, 2023

Administrative

- Preventable Adverse Events (#106)
 - New Medicare Advantage policy follows guidelines from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS); our *Preventable Adverse Events* commercial medical policy previously applied to Medicare Advantage

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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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