

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 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 March 1, 2024

Allied Health

- Administrative Guidelines to Determine Dental vs Medical Services (#35)
 - Clarified criteria with no change to intent

Genetic Testing

- Expanded Molecular Testing of Cancers to Select Targeted Therapies (#83)
 - Added whole genome, whole exome and whole transcriptome testing of cancer tissue
- Whole Exome and Whole Genome Sequencing (#76)
 - Removed references to testing for cancer treatment selection, which will now be addressed in *Expanded Molecular Testing of Cancers to Select Targeted Therapies* (Genetic Testing #83)

Changes effective June 1, 2024

Laboratory

- Folate Testing (#79)
 - New medical policy

[View our commercial
Medical Policy Manual](#)

Medicare Advantage

Changes effective February 1, 2024

Transplant

- Stem Cell and Bone Marrow Transplants (#45)
 - Changing policy guidance from commercial policy to new article and local coverage determination (LCD) regarding allo-HCT for relapsed/refractory lymphomas
 - For this indication, the policy previously referred guidance to the commercial policy, which allowed the same coverage as the new article and LCD

Changes effective March 1, 2024

Genetic Testing

- Genetic and Molecular Diagnostics – Next Generation Sequencing, Genetic Panels, and Biomarker Testing (#64)
 - Updated Medicare guidance and links where appropriate, including new guidance for the SelectMDx, Colvera and DecisionDx DiffDx-Melanoma tests

Medicine

- Intensity Modulated Radiotherapy (IMRT) for Breast Cancer (#166)
- Intensity Modulated Radiotherapy (IMRT) for Tumors in Close Proximity to Organs at Risk (#167)
- Intensity Modulated Radiotherapy (IMRT) of the Central Nervous System (CNS) Head, Neck and Thyroid (#164)
- Intensity Modulated Radiotherapy (IMRT) of the Thorax, Abdomen, Pelvis, and Extremities (#165)
 - New IMRT policies replace previous *Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT)* (Medicine #136) Medicare Advantage medical policy with no change in intent or policy criteria

Surgery

- Transurethral Water Vapor Thermal Therapy and Transurethral Water Jet Ablation (Aquablation) of the Prostate (#210)
 - Added new article and LCD guidance

[View our Medicare Advantage Medical Policy Manual](#)

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 January 1, 2024

Administrative

- Virtual Care (#132)
 - Added HCPCS G2211 to reimbursable telehealth services to align with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS') additions to the 2024 reimbursement schedule when billed with an appropriate evaluation and management (E&M) code
 - Added new 2024 HCPCS codes G0017, G0018 and G0136 to reimbursable telehealth services
 - Updated the list of eligible provider types who may bill for covered telehealth to align with CMS's addition of licensed marriage and family therapists (LMFTs) and licensed mental health counselors (LMHCs)

Changes effective June 1, 2024

Medicine

- Maternity Care (#107)
 - Clarified that global codes may be appropriate when the same practice group provides the antepartum, delivery and postpartum care
 - Increased the antepartum period to 280 days; E&M services in this period are currently included in global reimbursement and are not separately reimbursable
 - Replaced "maternity delivery" with "date of delivery" in the global maternity package section

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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.