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CLINICAL PAYMENT, CODING AND POLICY CHANGES

We regularly augment our clinical, payment and coding policy positions as part of our ongoing policy review processes. In an effort to keep our providers informed, please see the below chart of upcoming new policies.

Effective for dates of service beginning 8/12/2022:

Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Policy -

-Devices Provided Integral to a Covered ASC Procedure-According to our policy, which is based on CMS Policy, certain devices are allowed only when provided integral to a covered Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) procedure.

-Brachytherapy Sources Provided Integral to a Covered ASC Procedure-According to our policy, which is based on CMS Policy, brachytherapy source supplies are allowed only when provided integral to an approved Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) surgical procedure.

Bundled Services Policy-

-Packaged Services for the Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC)- According to our policy, which is based on CMS Policy, Certain ancillary HCPCS codes are considered integral to the delivery of other procedures or services provided in an ASC (Ambulatory Surgical Center) and as such are not separately reimbursable.

CMS National Coverage Determinations (NCD) Policy-Lung Cancer Screening with Low Dose Computed Tomography (LDCT)-

-Age Limitations-According to our policy, which is based on CMS Policy, services related to screening for lung cancer with low dose computed tomography (LDCT) are only covered for patients who are 50 to 77 years old.

-Covered Indications-According to our policy, which is based on CMS Policy, services related to screening for lung cancer with low dose computed tomography (LDCT) are only covered for certain indications including (but not limited to) personal history of nicotine dependence.

-Frequency Limitations-According to our policy, which is based on CMS Policy, screening for lung cancer with low dose computed tomography (LDCT) should not be performed more than once within a 12-month period.

Laboratory-Pathology Policy-Vitamin D Testing-

- According to our policy, which is based on CMS Policy, vitamin D testing should not be reported more frequently than once a year except when performed for specified indications including (but not limited to) rickets; osteomalacia.

- According to our policy, which is based on CMS Policy, vitamin D testing should not be performed more frequently than four (4) times in a year for vitamin D deficiency.

- According to our policy, which is based on the Endocrine Society and the American Association for Clinical Chemistry, measurement of serum Vitamin D; 1, 25 dihydroxy is not recommended as a screening study which includes (but not limited to) screening for nutritional disorder; screening as part of an administrative examination.

- According to our policy, which is based on CMS Policy, vitamin D testing is covered when it is reported with a diagnosis that supports medical necessity for the procedure which includes hypothyroidism; unspecified vitamin D deficiency.

Procedure Code Definition Policy-Immunization Administration for COVID-19 Vaccine-

Per AMA/CPT manual CPT code definitions, there are specific vaccine and vaccine administration procedure codes for COVID-19. There are vaccine-to-vaccine administration services that are specific to each manufacturer (Pfizer, Moderna, Janssen) and should be coded correctly based on each code definition. There are also dose frequencies based on appropriate timeframe for second dose/booster doses as well.

-According to our policy, which is based on the AMA CPT Manual, it would not be appropriate to report the administration of corona virus vaccine (Pfizer, Moderna, Janssen) without a corona virus vaccine code.

-According to our policy, which is based on the AMA CPT Manual, it would not be appropriate to administer the second dose of corona virus vaccine before 20 days of the first dose (Pfizer).

-According to our policy, which is based on the AMA CPT Manual, it would not be appropriate to administer second dose of corona virus vaccine (Pfizer; Moderna) before 27 days of the first dose.

Questions?

Simply contact your Network Relations Manager. Our most current listing is attached, the listing can also be found on our website.

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