DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Sent on Behalf of DES/DDD

POLICY UPDATE

Target Audience - Qualified Vendors and Providers

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The DDD Policy Unit published new and revised policies on Wednesday, December 13, 2023. The policies are available on the Division's Policy webpage.

NEW POLICIES

Division Medical Policy Manual 310-II Genetic Testing

This policy establishes the coverage requirements and limitations of Genetic Testing for Division of Developmental Disabilities (Division) Members who are eligible for ALTCS to include:

- Medically necessary Genetic Testing and counseling are covered when criteria are met.
- Limitations to Genetic Testing being covered.
- Requiring prior authorization requests include documentation regarding how the Genetic Testing is consistent with the Genetic Testing coverage.
- AdSS monitoring and oversight.

AdSS Medical Policy Manual 310-II Genetic Testing

This policy has been developed to establish the coverage requirements and limitations of Genetic Testing for the Administrative Services Subcontractors (AdSS) to include:

- Medically necessary Genetic Testing and counseling are covered when criteria are met.
- Limitations to Genetic Testing being covered.
- Ensuring prior authorization requests include documentation regarding how the Genetic Testing is consistent with the Genetic Testing coverage.

Division Medical Policy Manual 310-KK Biomarker Testing

This policy has been developed to establish the coverage requirements of Biomarker Testing for the Division of Developmental Disabilities (Division) to include:

- Medically necessary non-experimental Biomarker Testing that is covered and for what purpose.
- Required coverage is provided in a manner that limits disruptions in care.
- Requiring prior authorization for Biomarker Testing.
- Requiring a process is available to accept electronic requests from providers for exceptions to a coverage policy.
- AdSS monitoring and oversight.

[AdSS Medical Policy Manual 310-KK Biomarker Testing](#)

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- Ensuring a process is available to accept electronic requests from providers for exceptions to a coverage policy.

[Division Operations Policy Manual 7004 Accounting of Disclosures of Protected Health Information](#)

This policy has been developed to establish the Division's requirements for the accounting of Disclosures of Protected Health Information (PHI) required by the Health Information Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) as outlined in 45 CFR 164.528.

REVISED POLICIES

[Division Medical Policy Manual 1620-A Initial Contact / Visit Standard](#)

This policy has been revised as part of the Division's work to be accredited by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). Revisions include:
- Clarified the reference to the Acknowledgement of Publications being signed indicating receipt and understanding of member rights and responsibilities.
- Added additional and updated existing definitions.
- Formatted to align with current Policy standards.

[Division Medical Policy Manual 1650 Division Only (DD-Only) Eligibility Support Coordination Standards](#)

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POLICY PUBLIC COMMENT

The Division is currently accepting public comments regarding Division policies. The policy revisions can be found on the Policy page of the Division's website. This form, https://forms.gle/4MGCsdyKTRPJna3m9, can be used to submit public comments.