

# PROVIDER Update



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## Updates to Medicare Medical Clinical Policies – July 2025

### Review changes to policies, procedures and clinical practice guidelines

The medical policies listed in this update were approved by Centene’s National Medicare Quality Improvement Utilization Management Committee and are effective as of July 2025.

For a complete description of the background, criteria, references, and coding implications for these Medicare medical policies, go to the Medicare Prior Authorization Medical Clinical Policies page at [bit.ly/MA\\_ClinicalPolicies](https://bit.ly/MA_ClinicalPolicies).

Apply the Medicare National Coverage Decisions and applicable Local Coverage Decisions local policies for primary coverage guidance.

### Medical policies, effective July 2025

The following are Medicare clinical policies that have been approved for use. The listed policies are effective July 2025.

#### Updated Policies

Policy number and title	Summary of changes
MC.CP.MP.101 Donor Lymphocyte Infusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Annual review.</li><li>• Added clarifying language to Criteria II.</li><li>• References reviewed and updated.</li><li>• Reviewed by internal specialist.</li></ul>
MC.CP.MP.160 Implantable Wireless Pulmonary Artery Pressure Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Annual review.</li><li>• Added medically necessary indications to criteria I.</li><li>• Description and Background updated with no impact on criteria.</li><li>• References reviewed and updated.</li></ul>

#### THIS UPDATE APPLIES TO:

- Physicians
- Participating Physician Groups
- Hospitals
- Ancillary Providers

#### LINES OF BUSINESS:

- Wellcare By Health Net
  - Medicare Advantage (HMO)

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## Updated Policies, continued

Policy number and title	Summary of changes
MC.CP.MP.69 Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual review.</li> <li>• Edits to description and background with no impact on criteria.</li> <li>• Removed I.A., B., and C., along with II.A. - E. Added I.A. - D, along with I.E.1. - 8. Added note "The above indications.....all-inclusive listing."</li> <li>• Updated CPT codes.</li> <li>• References reviewed and updated.</li> </ul>
MC.CP.MP.246 Pediatric Kidney Transplant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual review.</li> <li>• Background updated with no clinical significance.</li> <li>• References reviewed and updated.</li> <li>• Reviewed by an internal specialist.</li> </ul>
MC.CP.MP.170 Peripheral Nerve Blocks and Ablation of Peripheral Nerves for Pain Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual review.</li> <li>• Title of the policy updated to include ablation of peripheral nerves for pain management.</li> <li>• Description updated to include peripheral nerve ablations and minor grammatical updates.</li> <li>• Updated Criteria I. from diagnostic and therapeutic purposes to diagnostic and/or therapeutic purposes.</li> <li>• Added note to Criteria I.A. for clarity.</li> <li>• Added Criteria IV. regarding the use of peripheral/ganglion nerve blocks or neurolysis for any condition not indicated elsewhere in this policy.</li> <li>• Added Criteria V. regarding peripheral nerve destruction using cryoablation or laser, chemical, electrical, or radiofrequency ablation.</li> <li>• Added CPT code 64640.</li> <li>• References reviewed and updated.</li> <li>• Reviewed by an internal specialist and external specialist.</li> </ul>
MC.CP.MP.248 Facility Based Sleep Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated wording in Criteria I.B.8.a.v. and added addition of disorders that interfere with home sleep apnea testing (HSAT).</li> <li>• Removed "moderate to high-risk" verbiage in Criteria I.B.8.b. and updated the outline of criteria.</li> <li>• Removed Epworth Sleepiness Scale criteria from I.B.8.b.i.</li> <li>• Added Criteria I.B.8.b.ii.c) which states, "Diagnosis of hypertension."</li> </ul>

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## Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG) updates

### CPG Grid

Annual review – Reviewed and updated all links and guideline versions as appropriate. Added the following Physical Health guidelines:

- Combined Coronary Artery Disease section and Congenital Disorders to Cardiovascular Disease, added International Society of Thrombosis and Haemostasis (ISTH) – clinical practice guideline for treatment of congenital hemophilia A and B based on the Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development, and Evaluation methodology;
- Updated Hyperlipidemia section to Dyslipidemia and added Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense (VA/DoD) Clinical Practice Guidelines Management of Dyslipidemia for Cardiovascular Risk Reduction (2020);
- American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) – Blood Pressure Targets in Adults With Hypertension: A Clinical Practice Guideline From the AAFP (2022), VA/DoD – Clinical Practice Guidelines Diagnosis and Management of Hypertension (HTN) in Primary Care (2020);
- American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) Clinical Practice Guideline No. 2. Management of Postmenopausal Osteoporosis (April 2022);
- Women’s Preventive Services Initiative (WPSI), ACOG – Recommendations for Well-Woman Care;
- World Health Organization (WHO) clinical treatment guideline for tobacco cessation in adults;
- National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology, Smoking Cessation, Version 3.2022;
- Pediatric Obesity – Assessment, Treatment, and Prevention: An Endocrine Society Clinical Practice Guideline;
- American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists (AACE), The Obesity Society, American Society of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery, Obesity Medicine Association, and American Society of Anesthesiologists – Clinical Practice Guidelines For The Perioperative Nutrition, Metabolic, and Nonsurgical Support of Patients Undergoing Bariatric Procedures – 2019 Update;
- International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity-World Gastroenterology Organization (IFSO-WGO GUIDELINES ON OBESITY (2023)). Updated the following Physical Health guidelines with new publication revision dates: 2024 Global Initiative of Asthma (GINA) Report, Global Strategy for Asthma Management and Prevention;
- Global Strategy for the Diagnosis, Management, and Prevention of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (2025 Report);
- Infectious Disease Society of American (IDSA) Guidelines of the Treatment and Management of Patients with COVID-19 (Updated August 2024);
- United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) – Prevention of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Infection: Preexposure Prophylaxis (2023);
- ACOG – Routine Human Immunodeficiency Virus Screening (2014- reaffirmed 2024);

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- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) – Prevention and Control of Seasonal Influenza with Vaccines: Recommendations of the ACIP United States, 2024-2025 Influenza Season;
- CDC – Adult Immunization Schedule. Recommendations for Ages 19 years or older, United States, 2025;
- CDC – Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule. Recommendations for Ages 18 years or younger, United States, 2025;
- Bright Futures/American Academy of Pediatrics – Periodicity Schedule: Recommendations for Preventive Pediatric Health Care (2024);
- Final Recommendation Statement High Body Mass Index in Children and Adolescents: Interventions;
- CDC – Clinical Testing and Diagnosis for Zika Virus Disease For Healthcare Providers: New Zika and Dengue Testing Guidance (May 15, 2024). Removed the following guidelines: United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute of Health (NIH) and National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI) Asthma Care Quick Reference: Diagnosing and Managing Asthma. Guidelines from the National Asthma Education and Prevention Program. Expert Panel Report 3. (Revised 2012);
- Journal of Orthopaedic and Sports Physical Therapy – Low Back Pain: Clinical Practice Guidelines Linked to the International Classification of Functioning, Disability, and Health (2012);
- NIH- Coronavirus Disease 2019 Treatment Guidelines;
- National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) Managing Medicines for Adults Receiving Social Care in the Community (2017); General Evidence Based Medicine – Choosing Wisely;
- HHS/Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) – Guide for human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) Program Clinical Care (2014);
- 2013 American Heart Association/American College of Cardiology/The Obesity Society (AHA/ACC/TOS) Guideline for the Management of Overweight and Obesity in Adults;
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, NIH, NHLBI – Managing Overweight and Obesity in Adults: Systematic Evidence Review from the Obesity Expert Panel (2013). Added the following Behavioral Health guidelines: Added the following Behavioral Health guidelines: AAFP Generalized Anxiety disorder and Panic disorder in adults;
- Added Borderline Personality Disorder section and included American Psychiatric Association (APA) Practice Guideline for the Treatment of Patients with Borderline Personality Disorder, 2nd edition;
- American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Clinical Practice Guideline on the Management of Stimulant Use Disorder;
- ASAM Clinical Practice Guideline on Alcohol Withdrawal Management;

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<b>CPG Grid</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ACOG Committee Opinion Health Care for Transgender and Gender Diverse Individuals Number 823 (March 2021, reaffirmed 2024);</li><li>• Updated the following Behavioral Health guidelines with new publication revision dates: The Council of Autism Service Providers (CASP) Applied Behavior Analysis Practice Guidelines for the Treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorder Third Edition (April 2024);</li><li>• Federal Guidelines for Opioid Treatment Programs (2024);</li><li>• VA Clinical Practice Guideline for the Assessment and Management of Patients at Risk for Suicide (2024). Removed the following guidelines: Anxiety and Depression Association of American (ADAA) Clinical Practice Review for Generalized Anxiety Disorder;</li><li>• American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP) Practice Parameter for the Assessment and Treatment of Children and Adolescents With Autism Spectrum Disorder (February 2014);</li><li>• NICE Generalized Anxiety Disorder and Panic Disorder in Adults: Management (Updated June 2020), NICE – Eating disorders: recognition and treatments (2017, updated December 2020) AACAP Practice Parameter for the Assessment and Treatment of Children and Adolescents with Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (April 2010);</li><li>• AACAP Practice Parameter for the Assessment and Treatment of Children and Adolescents with Schizophrenia (2013).</li></ul>
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### Additional information

If you have questions regarding the information contained in this update, contact the Provider Services Center at 800-929-9224 for Individual and Employer Group Plans, or 800-641-7761 for Medicare Supplement plans.