

## **Medical Policies and Clinical Utilization Management Guidelines update**

The *Medical Policies, Clinical Utilization Management (UM) Guidelines* and *Third-Party Criteria* below were developed and/or revised to support clinical coding edits. Note, several policies and guidelines were revised to provide clarification only and are not included. Existing precertification requirements have not changed.

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### **Updates:**

Updates marked with an asterisk (\*) denote that the criteria may be perceived as more restrictive:

- **\*CG-MED-88 — Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis Testing:**
  - Content moved from *CG-GENE-06 — Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis Testing*
  - Added Medically Necessary and Not Medically Necessary statements addressing preimplantation embryo biopsy
- **\*DME.00011 — Electrical Stimulation as a Treatment for Pain and Other Conditions: Surface and Percutaneous Devices:**
  - Revised title (previous title: *Electrical Stimulation as a Treatment for Pain and Related Conditions: Surface and Percutaneous Devices*)
  - Revised scope of document to include other conditions and devices
  - Added cranial electrical stimulation (CES) as Investigational and Not Medically Necessary for all indications
  - Added remote electrical neuromodulation (REN) as Investigational and Not Medically Necessary for all indications
- **\*LAB.00011 — Analysis of Proteomic Patterns:**
  - Revised Investigational and Not Medically Necessary statement to include management of disease
- **\*MED.00120 — Gene Therapy for Ocular Conditions:**
  - Revised title (previous title: *Voretigene neparvovec-rzyl [Luxturna®]*)
  - Expanded scope of document to include all gene therapies for ocular conditions
  - Added the use of all other gene replacement therapies to treat any ocular condition as Investigational and Not Medically Necessary
- **\*SURG.00032 — Patent Foramen Ovale and Left Atrial Appendage Closure Devices for Stroke Prevention:**
  - Revised title (previous title: *Transcatheter Closure of Patent Foramen Ovale and Left Atrial Appendage for Stroke Prevention*)
  - Added left atrial appendage closure via surgical (nonpercutaneous) implantation of a device as Investigational and Not Medically Necessary for all indications

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**Medical Policies**

On February 20, 2020, the Medical Policy and Technology Assessment Committee (MPTAC) approved the following *Medical Policies* applicable to Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Healthcare Solutions (Anthem).

<b>Publish date</b>	<b>Medical policy #</b>	<b>Medical Policy title</b>	<b>New or revised</b>
4/15/2020	<b>*DME.00011</b>	<b><i>Electrical Stimulation as a Treatment for Pain and Other Conditions: Surface and Percutaneous Devices</i></b>  Previous title: <i>Electrical Stimulation as a Treatment for Pain and Related Conditions: Surface and Percutaneous Devices</i>	Revised
2/27/2020	<b>GENE.00011</b>	<b><i>Gene Expression Profiling for Managing Breast Cancer Treatment</i></b>	Revised
4/15/2020	<b>*LAB.00011</b>	<b><i>Analysis of Proteomic Patterns</i></b>	Revised
4/15/2020	<b>*MED.00120</b>	<b><i>Gene Therapy for Ocular Conditions</i></b>  Previous title: <i>Voretigene neparvovec-rzyl (Luxturna®)</i>	Revised
4/15/2020	<b>*SURG.00032</b>	<b><i>Patent Foramen Ovale and Left Atrial Appendage Closure Devices for Stroke Prevention</i></b>  Previous title: <i>Transcatheter Closure of Patent Foramen Ovale and Left Atrial Appendage for Stroke Prevention</i>	Revised
2/27/2020	<b>SURG.00103</b>	<b><i>Intraocular Anterior Segment Aqueous Drainage Devices (without extraocular reservoir)</i></b>	Revised
4/15/2020	<b>SURG.00127</b>	<b><i>Sacroiliac Joint Fusion</i></b>	Revised

**Clinical UM Guidelines**

On February 20, 2020, the MPTAC approved the following *Clinical UM Guidelines* applicable to Anthem. These guidelines were adopted by the medical operations committee for Nevada Medicaid members on March 10, 2020.

<b>Publish date</b>	<b>Clinical UM Guideline #</b>	<b>Clinical UM Guideline title</b>	<b>New or revised</b>
4/15/2020	<b>CG-GENE-09</b>	<b><i>Genetic Testing for CHARGE Syndrome</i></b>	Revised
4/15/2020	<b>*CG-MED-88</b>	<b><i>Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis Testing</i></b>  Previous number and title: <i>CG-GENE-06 Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis Testing</i>	Revised