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SPECIAL BULLETIN

FOR PROFESSIONAL AND FACILITY PROVIDERS

APRIL 29, 2016

ATTENTION ORDERING PHYSICIANS, LABS, HOSPITAL LABS:

HIGHMARK IMPLEMENTING LAB MANAGEMENT PROGRAM JULY 1, 2016 PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FOR MOLECULAR AND GENOMIC TESTING

Highmark has contracted with eviCore to manage molecular and genomic testing within a new Lab Management Program. eviCore's Lab Management Program utilizes evidence-based policies, developed with trained genetic experts, to ensure that the genetic lab services provided to Highmark's members support clinically appropriate care and are medically necessary, in accordance with their benefit policy.

Effective with dates of service on or after July 1, 2016, Highmark will require prior authorization for several molecular and genomic tests when performed in an outpatient setting for fully insured Commercial, Affordable Care Act and Medicare Advantage members. Please note that services performed without a prior authorization may be denied, and you may not seek reimbursement from members.

Highmark will adopt eviCore's Molecular and Genomic Testing policies. They are available at:
<http://www.evicore.com/LabManagement/Highmark%20Lab%20Management%20Guidelines.pdf>

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WHICH TESTS WILL REQUIRE PRIOR AUTHORIZATION?

Prior authorization through eviCore will be required for certain outpatient, non-emergent Molecular and Genomic Testing, such as:

- Hereditary Cancer Screening
- Carrier Screening
- Tumor Marker/Molecular Profiling
- Hereditary Cardiac Disorders Testing
- Cardiovascular Disease and Thrombosis Risk Variant Testing
- Pharmacogenomic Testing
- Neurologic Disorders Testing
- Mitochondrial Disease Testing
- Intellectual Disability/Developmental Disorders Testing

For a [complete list of impacted procedure codes](#), please reference the list of CPT codes, available at [eviCore.com](#), under **Online Forms and Resources**.

We recommend that ordering physicians secure authorizations and pass the authorization numbers to the rendering facilities at the time of scheduling. Authorizations contain authorization numbers and one or more CPT codes specific to the services authorized. If the service requested is different from what is authorized, the rendering facility must contact eviCore for review and authorization before claims are submitted.

WHICH TESTS ARE *NOT INCLUDED* IN THIS PROGRAM?

eviCore will not require prior authorization for:

- Inpatient Genetic Testing
- General Lab Testing
- Genetic Testing For CPT Codes Not Included In The Prior Authorization List

REQUESTING AUTHORIZATIONS

Providers who are NaviNet® enabled should use NaviNet to submit authorization requests. A new drop-down option will be added to the Authorization Submission transaction on NaviNet for providers to request authorization for laboratory services included in the Laboratory Management Program. Highmark's systems will be updated to accept authorization requests for these services effective June 27, 2016.

If you are not NaviNet enabled, you may use the eviCore Web Portal to request authorizations. The eviCore Web Portal is available 24/7 at [evicore.com](#).

URGENT REQUESTS

If services are required in less than 48 hours due to medically urgent conditions, please call eviCore at 1-888-564-5492 for authorization. Be sure to tell the representative that the authorization is for medically urgent care. eviCore will make a good faith effort to render a decision within one business day of receipt of all necessary information.

Highmark will make additional resources and information about the eviCore Laboratory Management Program available on the Provider Resource Center closer to the July 1, 2016, implementation date. Also, eviCore will be offering educational webinars in June 2016. Please watch Plan Central for more details. You can also find information at <http://www.evicore.com/resources/Pages/Providers.aspx>.

We appreciate your cooperation and support of this program to help support appropriate care for our members.