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PA Medicare Policy Updates Effective January 1, 2023

An Update for Medicare Providers and Clinicians

Annually Reviewed Medical Policies with Changes

MP-076-MC-PA Biomarkers Overview (L35062)

No changes to clinical criteria. Updated CMS hyperlinks and 'Reference Sources' sections. The following CPT codes have been removed from the 'CPT/HCPCS Codes' Group 1 Codes: 81225, 81226, 81227, 81355, 81374, 81377, 81381 and 81383. The 'ICD-10-CM Codes that Support Medical Necessity' section has been revised to remove Group 1 Codes for 81225 and Group 2 Codes for 81226. The remaining Groups were renumbered accordingly. Removed duplicated ICD-10 code I82.91.

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MP-039-MC-PA Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) (NCD 20.29)

No changes to clinical criteria. Updated CMS hyperlinks and 'Reference Sources' sections.

MP-077-MC-PA Supervised Exercise Therapy (SET) for Symptomatic Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD) (NCD 20.35) No changes to clinical criteria. Updated CMS hyperlinks and 'Reference Sources' section.

MP-094-MC-PA Acupuncture for Chronic Low Back Pain (NCD 30.3.3)

No changes to clinical criteria. Updated 'Reference Sources' section.

MP-097-MC-PA Magnetic-Resonance-Guided Focused Ultrasound Surgery (MRgFUS) for Essential Tremor (L38495) No changes to clinical criteria. Updated CMS hyperlinks and 'Reference Sources' sections.

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