July 27, 2018

Subject: Prior Authorization Changes and Medical Policy Updates

Dear Provider,

Medical policies are getting a new look! Over the next quarter, all medical policies will be updated with an easy to read format. Updates to the below policies reflect the new style, with the remaining policies to follow format changes in the coming months.

Blue Cross of Idaho made changes to the following medical policies that are effective September 28, 2018:

- **MP 2.04.07 - Urinary Biomarkers for Cancer Screening, Diagnosis and Surveillance**
  
  o Title changed to “Urinary Biomarkers for Cancer Screening, Diagnosis and Surveillance.”
  
  o Urinary screening for precancerous colonic polyps added to the investigational statement.

- **MP 2.04.77 - BRAF Gene Variant Testing to Select Melanoma or Glioma Patients for Targeted Therapy**
  
  o New policy statement added stating BRAF testing in resected, stage III melanoma may be medically necessary.
  
  o Policy statements on BRAF testing in unresectable metastatic melanoma and in glioma unchanged.

- **MP 2.04.78 - Molecular Markers in Fine Needle Aspirates of the Thyroid**
  
  o Policy statements revised to add investigational statement for TERT single-gene testing.

The following medical policy will be archived on September 28, 2018:

- **2.02.01 - Catheter Ablation for Cardiac Arrhythmias**

The following HCPCS codes will no longer require prior authorization for the commercial line of business effective September 28, 2018:

- J0878 – daptomycin
- J9185- fludarabine, injection
- J8562- fludarabine, oral

The changes listed above reflect the most current literature reviews on these indications. You can find additional information regarding these medical policies on our provider portal at [providers.bcidadaho.com](http://providers.bcidadaho.com). Our medical policies are designed for informational purposes only and are not an explanation of benefits, or a contract. Receipt of benefits is subject to satisfaction of all terms and conditions of the coverage. Medical technology is constantly changing, and we reserve the right to review and update our policies periodically. These policies may not apply to all lines of business such as the Federal Employee Program, Medicare Advantage and certain self-insured groups. Thank you for your cooperation and partnership.

Sincerely,

Judy Mouchawar, MD
Medical Director, Medical Policy
Blue Cross of Idaho