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Inland Empire Health Plan



To: IPA Administrators and Medical Directors
From: IEHP – Provider Relations
Date: February 16, 2022
Subject: Revised/Retired/Reviewed with no changes UM Authorization Guidelines

IEHP’s Utilization Management Subcommittee has approved the following authorization guideline updates/changes, effective February 9, 2022:

Guideline #	Guideline Title	Degree of Change	Updates/Changes
UM_BH 07	Behavioral Health Home Base Services	Substantial Revised	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarified that Members who require home-based talk therapy services be able to cognitively engage in treatment • Eliminated the requirement that Members receiving these services are 18years of age or over • Added exclusion for Members receiving home-based services through other programs • Added exclusion for Members can be treated via telehealth
UM_OTH 18	Enhanced Care Management	Substantial Revised	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guideline title changed from Health Homes Programs to Enhanced Care Management • Medi-Cal Benefit therefore requires an authorization • Eligibility is based on meeting a Population of Focus (PoF) • Four PoFs launched 1/1/2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ High Utilizer ○ Homelessness ○ Post Incarceration ○ SUD/SMI
UM_OTH 16	Care Plan Option	Substantial Revised	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal Proposal (CalAIM) is an initiative that includes a menu of medically appropriate and cost-effective alternatives to services covered under the State Plan • Community Support Services in CalAIM include some of the same services covered by Care Plan Options • CPO criteria revised to remove duplicate services

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UM_OTH 05	Tertiary Care Center Referral Requests	Minor Revised	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor update of references
UM_OTH 09	My Path	Substantial Revised	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition of acuity level to Appendix B: Pediatric Certification of Advanced Disease. • Change to Appendix E: Contrasting Adult and Pediatric palliative: “Low and High acuity level can also be determined by documented medical necessity.” • No change in section E. Pediatric Palliative Care Eligibility Criteria
UM_OTH 23	Allocation of Limited Critical Care Resources During a Public Health Emergency	Minor Revised	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor reference updates
UM_SUR 05	Liver Biopsy in Conjunction with Bariatric Surgery	Retired	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intraoperative liver biopsy during bariatric surgery is not covered. • Apollo Medical Review Criteria Guideline for Bariatric Surgery also considers routine liver biopsy for bariatric surgery not medically necessary in the absence of signs or symptoms of liver disease (e.g., elevated liver enzymes, enlarged liver) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recommend retiring Liver Biopsy in Conjunction with Bariatric Surgery and replacing with Apollo GS 152 Bariatric Surgery for Morbid Obesity; Diabetes
UM_SUR 09	Adolescent Bariatric Consultation and Surgery	Retired	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current criteria limits bariatric surgery to age 17 and above • Apollo Medical Review Criteria Guidelines provide more extensive criteria based on Body Mass Index (BMI), co-morbidities and age at completed bone growth • Recommend replacing current guideline with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Apollo GS152 Bariatric Surgery for Morbid Obesity; Diabetes
UM_SUR 10	Bronchial Thermoplasty	No change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed, no change

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