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Re: Medical coverage policy update: Medical necessity review for functional endoscopic sinus surgery and turbinectomy effective July 10, 2021

Dear UNIVERSITY PHYSICIANS ASSOCIATES,

We routinely review our coverage, reimbursement, and administrative policies for potential updates. In that review, we take into consideration one or more of the following: Evidence-based medicine (EBM), professional society recommendations, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) guidance, industry standards, and our other existing policies.

As a result of a recent review, we will implement a new medical coverage policy, Diagnostic Nasal/Sinus Endoscopy, Functional Endoscopic Sinus Surgery (FESS) and Turbinectomy (0554), and review claims for these procedures for medical necessity.

This update is effective for claims with dates of service on or after July 10, 2021.

Additional information

For more information about our coverage policies, visit the Cigna for Health Care Professionals website (CignaforHCP.com) > Review coverage policies.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie B. Kessel MD".

Julie B. Kessel, MD
Medical Officer for Coverage Policy
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At a glance

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