



November 13, 2020

UNIVERSITY PHYSICIANS ASSOCIATES
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Re: Medical coverage policy update – Drug and Biologic Medical Necessity (Injectables) and Drug and Biologic Medical Necessity (Non-injectables) effective February 15, 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 two new medical coverage policies to review injectable and non-injectable drugs and biologics for medical necessity.

The new policies, Drug and Biologic Medical Necessity (Injectables) – medical benefits – (2027) and Drug and Biologic Medical Necessity (Non-injectables) – medical benefits – (2028), include medical necessity criteria supporting the appropriate use, dosing, duration, and frequency of these drugs and biologics.

This update is effective for claims with dates of service on or after February 15, 2021. The affected codes will be listed in the medical coverage policies.

Additional information

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

If you are not a registered user, please register so that you may log in and access all of our coverage, reimbursement, and administrative policies. Go to CignaforHCP.com and click Register. If you do not have Internet access or would like additional information, call Cigna Customer Service at **800.88Cigna (882.4462)**.

Thank you for the care you provide to our customers.

Sincerely,

Julie B. Kessel, MD
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At a glance

- We will implement two new medical coverage policies, Drug and Biologic Medical Necessity (Injectables) – medical benefits – (2027) and Drug and Biologic Medical Necessity (Non-injectables) – medical benefits – (2028), to review injectable and non-injectable drugs and biologics for medical necessity.
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