

Keystone HMO Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Benefits Update – effective January 1, 2023

(Please keep this update with your CHIP Benefits Handbook)

Description of Prosthetic Devices

The description of 'Prosthetic Devices' under **Outpatient Services** section is revised to replace the 2nd bullet "Supplies and replacement of parts" with the following:

- Supplies and replacement of parts necessary for the proper functioning of the Prosthetic Device, except coverage is not available for enhancements or deluxe supplies or convenience features that do not serve or contribute towards any clinically established physiological and/or functional improvements.

Description of Diagnostic Services

The description of 'Diagnostic Services' under **Outpatient Services** section is revised to replace the 2nd bullet "Non-Routine Diagnostic Services" with the following:

- Non-Routine Diagnostic Services, such as:
 - MRI/MRA;
 - CT Scans;
 - PET Scans; and
 - Sleep Studies.

Definition of Medical Necessity

The definition of 'Medically Necessary' in the **Important Definitions** section is replaced in its entirety with the following:

Medically Necessary (Or Medical Necessity) – Health care services that a Physician, exercising prudent clinical judgment, would provide to a patient for the purpose of:

- Preventing, evaluating, diagnosing or treating an illness, injury, disease or its symptoms.

Health care services that a Physician, exercising prudent clinical judgment, would provide to a patient, that are:

- In accordance with generally accepted standards of medical practice;
- Clinically appropriate, in terms of type, frequency, extent, site and duration, and considered effective for the patient's illness, injury or disease;
- Not primarily for the convenience of the patient, Physician, or other health care provider;
- Not more costly than an alternative service or sequence of services that are at least as likely to produce equivalent therapeutic or diagnostic results as to the diagnosis or treatment of that patient's illness, injury or disease; and
- Furnished in the most appropriate and cost-effective setting (site of care) that is appropriate to the Member's medical needs and condition, based on the Member's current medical condition and any required monitoring or additional services that may coincide with the delivery of this service.

For these purposes, "generally accepted standards of medical practice" means standards that are based on:

- Credible scientific evidence, published in peer-reviewed medical literature that is generally recognized by the relevant medical community, Physician Specialty Society recommendations;
- The views of Physicians practicing in relevant clinical areas; and
- Any other relevant factors.