

Dear Provider:

Effective July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, MDwise will administer medical necessity reviews using the following IHCP-approved Hierarchy. This practice will ensure that reviews are applied consistently using the criteria that are the most nationally recognized. This additional guidance is intended to assist providers to streamline the requirements for a prior authorization request.

The Hierarchy is:

1. Federal Law.
2. Indiana Code.
3. State Plan.
4. Indiana Administrative Code.
5. IHCP Policy, which includes IHCP provider reference modules, bulletins and banners pages. MDwise will follow exactly the IHCP (fee-for-service) criteria for the following items:

■ *ABA Therapy: IHCP Bulletins BT201867, BT201953 and Behavioral Health Services provider reference module*

■ *Drug Testing: IHCP Bulletins BT201846, BT202183 and Laboratory Services provider reference module*

■ *Endo Predict-Breast Cancer: IHCP Bulletin BT202010 and Genetic Testing provider reference module.*

■ *Hysterectomies: IHCP Bulletin BT201976 and Obstetrical and Gynecological Services provider reference Module IHCP bulletin BT2022117 DECEMBER 20, 2022*

■ *ReliZorb (in-line cartridge containing digestive enzymes for enteral feeding): IHCP Banner Page BR202050 and Durable and Home Medical Equipment and Supplies provider reference module.*

■ *Speech-Generating Devices: IHCP Bulletin BT202012 and Durable and Home Medical Equipment and Supplies provider reference module*

■ *Spinal Stenosis: IHCP Bulletin BT2020111 and Surgical Services provider reference module*

■ *Transplants: IHCP Bulletin BT202019 and Surgical Services provider reference module*

■ *Bariatric Procedures: IHCP Bulletin BT202240 and Surgical Services provider reference module*

■ *Oxygen Usage: IHCP Bulletin BT202242 and Durable and Home Medical Equipment and Supplies provider reference module.*

6. InterQual– including the Medicare NCDs and the Medicare LCDs. The InterQual guideline hierarchy is as follows:

- a. Must use diagnosis or procedure-specific guidelines before more general guidelines.
- b. Use Medicare (MCR) guidelines in this order: NCDs, then LCDs for Indiana.

7. MCE-derived UM Policy and Criteria.

8. Professional Society Guidelines.

9. Professional References/Subject-Matter Experts (SMEs).

10. Best Standards of Care.

If you have any questions, please contact your provider relations representative or the prior authorization department, at [padept@mdwise.org](mailto:padept@mdwise.org). Thank you for being a valued partner with MDwise.

Sincerely,

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