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Dear Providers,

MeridianHealth (Meridian) is committed to continuously improving our claims review and payment processes. Beginning in November 2020, additional policy edits will be released based on industry standards. These standards, guidelines, and coding rules are maintained and published by several entities. Among them are the American Medical Association (AMA), which publishes the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), which publishes the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, and the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), which governs ICD-10-CM coding guidelines. These same rules are used by most healthcare claims payers and enforced by CMS.

There are five categories of upcoming policy edits: Core Professional, Drug & Biological, Durable Medical Equipment, Specialty, and Health Plan Policy. Each category listed contains topic guidelines pertaining to policy edits. The examples below are not all-inclusive for the purpose of this notification. A follow-up bulletin will be issued with a detailed list of edits.

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Medical Policy	Торіс
Claims Processing and Policy Guidelines	Provider Linking ICM
Diagnosis Validity Policy	Invalid/Deleted Diagnosis Codes
Duplicate Services Policy	Duplicate Claims From Same Provider ID
	Under Any Tax ID and Specialty
Diagnosis Code Guideline Policy	Secondary Diagnosis Codes
Procedure-Age Policy	Newborns Under Mother's Subscriber ID
Modifier Policy	Anatomical Modifiers
National Correct Coding Initiative (CCI)	Column One and Column Two Code Edits
Policy	for Practitioner Medicaid CCI

Core Professional

Drug and Biological

Medical Policy	Торіс
Drug and Biological Policy	Drug Wastage
Drug and Biological Policy	Octreotide, Depot Form For Intramuscular Injection (J2353)
Drug and Biological Policy	Doxorubicin HCL Liposome (Q2049, Q2050)
Drug and Biological Policy	Paclitaxel Protein-Bound Particles (J9264)
Drug and Biological Policy	Epoetin Alfa (Non-ESRD) (J0885, Q5106)
Drug and Biological Policy	Filgrastim (J1442, Q5101, Q5110)
Drug and Biological Policy	Leuprolide Acetate Implant (J9219)

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Medical Policy	Торіс	
Durable Medical Equipment and Supplies	High Frequency Chest Wall Oscillation	
Policy	Devices	
Durable Medical Equipment and Supplies	Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulation	
Policy	(TENS)	
Durable Medical Equipment and Supplies	Pharmacy Fee For Oral Anti-Cancer, Anti-	
Policy	Emetic or Immunosuppressive Drugs	
Durable Medical Equipment and Supplies Policy	Surgical Dressings	
Durable Medical Equipment and Supplies Policy	DME Quality of Care	

Durable Medical Equipment

Specialty

Medical Policy	Торіс
Cardiology Policy	Non-Invasive Vascular Diagnostic Studies
Gastroenterology Policy	Colonoscopy
Genetic Testing Policy	Genetic Testing Frequency
Laboratory-Pathology Policy	Vitamin D Testing
Neurology Policy	Nerve Conduction Studies (NCS) and Electromyography (EMG) for Radiculopathy
Obstetrics and Gynecology Policy	Ultrasound (Non-Obstetric)
Radiology Policy	Intracranial and Extra Cranial Imaging (Duplex, CT, CTA, MRA, MRI) for Simple Syncope

Health Plan Policy

Medical Policy	Торіс
Health Plan Policy	Evaluation and Management Services
Health Plan Policy	Diagnosis-Procedure Consistency
Health Plan Policy	Anesthesia
Health Plan Policy	Modifiers
Health Plan Policy	Experimental/Investigational Services

For questions, please contact your Provider Network Management Representative at 866-606-3700.

Sincerely,

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