July 1, 2019

Re: AIM Specialty Health Clinical Guidelines update – Advanced Imaging

Dear Provider:

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield and our subsidiary company, HMO Colorado (Anthem), is writing to inform you of the following updates to the AIM Specialty Health® (AIM) Clinical Guidelines. AIM is a separate company.

Effective for dates of service on and after September 28, 2019, the following updates will apply to the AIM Advanced Imaging Clinical Appropriateness Guidelines.

- **Brain Imaging Guideline contains updates to the following:**
  - Infection, Multiple sclerosis and other white matter diseases, Movement disorders (Adult only), Neurocognitive disorders (Adult only), Trauma, Pituitary adenoma, Tumor, Hematoma or hemorrhage – intracranial or extracranial, Hydrocephalus/ventricular assessment, Pseudotumor cerebri, Spontaneous intracranial hypotension, Abnormality on neurologic exam, Ataxia, Dizziness or Vertigo, Headache, Hearing loss and Tinnitus.

- **Extremity Imaging Guideline contains updates to the following:**
  - Congenital or developmental anomalies of the extremity (Pediatric only), Discoid meniscus (Pediatric only), Soft tissue infection, Osteomyelitis, Septic arthritis, Bursitis, Capitellar osteochondritis, Fracture, Patellar dislocation, patellar sleeve avulsion, Trauma complications, Bone lesions, Soft tissue mass – not otherwise specified, Lisfranc injury, Labral tear – hip, Labral tear – shoulder, Meniscal tear and ligament tear of the knee, Rotator cuff tear (Adult only), Avascular necrosis, Lipohemarthrosis (Pediatric only), Paget’s disease – new multimodality indication and General Perioperative Imaging (including delayed hardware failure), not otherwise specified.

- **Spine Imaging Guideline contains updates to the following:**
  - Multiple sclerosis or other white matter disease, Spinal infection, Cervical injury, Thoracic or lumbar injury, Paget’s disease, Spontaneous (idiopathic) intracranial hypotension (SIH), Perioperative Imaging, including delayed hardware failure, not otherwise specified, Neck pain (cervical), Mid-back pain (thoracic)

As a reminder, ordering and servicing providers may submit pre-certification requests to AIM in one of several ways:

- Access AIM ProviderPortal™ directly at providerportal.com. Online access is available 24/7 to process orders in real-time, and is the fastest and most convenient way to request authorization.
- Access AIM via the Availity Web Portal at availity.com
- Call the AIM Contact Center toll-free number: 877-291-0366, Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. MT.
For questions related to guideline updates, please contact AIM via email at aim.guidelines@aimspecialtyhealth.com. To access and download a copy of the current guidelines, go to http://www.aimspecialtyhealth.com/.

We value and appreciate you as our partner in providing quality care, and appreciate your continued participation in our network.

Sincerely,

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