

February 1, 2020

RE: Pre-Service/Prior Authorization Clinical Review Update – February 2020

Dear Provider:

Effective with dates of service on or after May 1, 2020, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield (Anthem) will require review of the below Clinical Guideline for medical necessity. Medical necessity review will require preauthorization. Ordering and servicing providers may submit prior authorization requests by contacting the phone number on the back of the members ID card.

- **CG-SURG-104 Intraoperative Neurophysiological Monitoring:** This document addresses various types of evoked response studies and their use in intraoperative neurophysiological monitoring. Intraoperative neurophysiological monitoring uses recordings of the nervous system's electrical response to the stimulation of specific neural pathways (e.g., visual, motor, auditory, general sensory evoked response studies) to obtain information on the functional integrity of pathways within the nervous system during an operative procedure. This information can assist in diagnosis of a pathological process, monitor response to therapies, identify anatomical distribution of a disease process or identify neurologic compromise. This document addresses the various types of evoked response studies and their use in intraoperative neurophysiological monitoring.

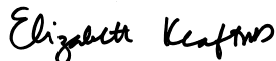
Anthem's Medical Policies and Clinical UM Guidelines are available online:

The complete list of our Medical Policies and Clinical UM Guidelines may be accessed on Anthem's Web site at anthem.com, and select **Providers**. Under the *Provider Resources* heading, select **Policies and Guidelines**. Select **Colorado** as Your State. Select **View Medical Policies & UM Guidelines**. Select the link titled "[Medical Policies and Clinical UM Guidelines \(for Local Plan Members\)](#)". Click **Continue**, then select the either the [Medical Policies](#) or the [UM Guidelines](#) tab.

To view the list of specific clinical UM guidelines adopted by Colorado, navigate to the Disclaimer page by following the instructions above; scroll to the bottom of the page. Above the "Continue" button, click on the link titled "[Specific Clinical UM Guidelines adopted by Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Colorado.](#)"

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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