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Chief Medical Officer's Note

As we approach the final quarter of the year, I want to thank you for the unwavering dedication you bring to your practice and to the lives of our members. Our shared commitment to advancing their health inspires me daily, and together, we have the opportunity to make a profound difference—especially for those patients facing significant barriers outside the clinical setting.

Patient engagement and education are central pillars of effective health care delivery. When patients understand their conditions, treatment plans, and the steps they can take to manage their health, outcomes improve, and satisfaction grows. I encourage you to empower every patient with clear information, practical resources, and ongoing support at every encounter.

- Provide easy-to-understand educational materials tailored to the patient's language, literacy level, and cultural context.
- Use teach-back methods to confirm understanding and address any misconceptions.
- Encourage patients to ask questions and express concerns, fostering an atmosphere of trust and partnership.
- Promote the use of our member portals and digital health tools for accessible communication and health tracking.

We know that health is shaped by more than clinical interventions— factors such as housing, food security, employment, education, and transportation have a profound impact on outcomes. For patients facing these barriers, engagement and education become even more critical.

- Screen for social drivers of health during visits, using validated tools to identify issues that may affect care or adherence.
- Integrate conversations about social needs into routine care, helping patients feel seen and supported beyond their medical diagnoses.
- Connect patients to community resources, social services, or case management support whenever gaps are identified.

Together, we can help every patient, especially those most vulnerable, feel empowered to take charge of their health and well-being.

Thank you for your exceptional care and for your role as a trusted advocate for our members. Your partnership is vital as we work to break down barriers and build a stronger and healthier future for all.

With gratitude,

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Network Notification Bulletin

UPDATES

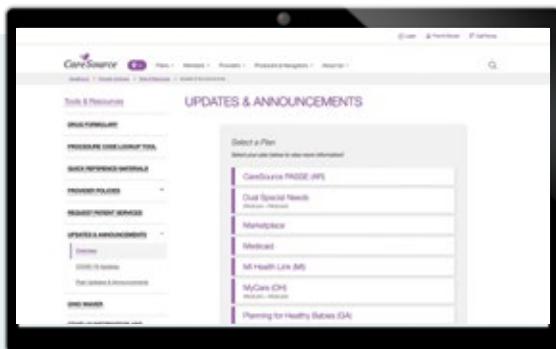


CareSource regularly communicates operational updates on our website. Our goal is to keep you updated with a format that is quickly accessible and that keeps you informed about working with us. Here were some network notifications posted from the previous quarter that you may have missed:

- [Georgia Pathways Copays](#)
- [SKYGEN Policies](#)
- [Policy Updates November 2025](#)

Network notifications can be accessed at [CareSource.com](#) > Providers > Updates & Announcements.

CareSource would also like to remind you of our electronic policy postings, conveniently packaging medical, pharmacy, reimbursement and administrative policy updates into a monthly network notification for your review. You can also find our provider policies listed at [CareSource.com](#) > Providers > Provider Policies.



Find Updates from CareSource Online

We strive to make partnering with us simple and easy. We're aware things may change in the way we do business with you and want to communicate these changes to you in an efficient manner.

To find all the latest CareSource news, visit our Updates & Announcements page on the Provider pages of [CareSource.com](#). You will find all the updates regarding the preferred drug list (PDL), prior authorization requirements and medical and reimbursement policies.

Monthly Coding Corner: Hyperlipidemia Associated with Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus

Welcome to this Month's Edition
of the Coding Corner!

In our ongoing effort to keep you informed about ICD-10 coding best practices and updates, we'd like to highlight a recent coding clinic Third Quarter, 2025 published by the American Hospital Association (AHA) focusing on hyperlipidemia associated with type 2 diabetes mellitus.

Understanding the relationship between hyperlipidemia and type 2 diabetes is crucial for accurate coding and patient management. A common question is whether hyperlipidemia is classified as a specified diabetic manifestation. The answer is no; hyperlipidemia is a separate condition associated with type 2 diabetes.

For accurate documentation, health care providers should assign:

- E11.69: Type 2 diabetes mellitus with other specified complication
- E78.49: Other hyperlipidemia

It is essential that documentation establishes a cause-and-effect relationship between the two conditions, often indicated by phrases such as "due to" or "associated with." Code E11.69 is for diabetic complications that lack a specific code, while E78.49 captures the distinct hyperlipidemia.

For reference, this coding can be found in the Alphabetic Index under:

- Hyperlipemia, hyperlipidemia
- Specified NEC E78.49

Accurate coding is vital for effective patient care and management.

Georgia Market Announces Winners of the 2024 Quality Achievement Award

The Georgia Market is thrilled to announce the recipients of the 2024 Quality Achievement Award. This year's distinguished honorees are Vidalia Pediatric Clinic, Inc, Longstreet Clinic, White's Pediatrics, and CRH Physicians. These outstanding groups have been recognized as the top four providers in the state for their exemplary quality outcomes for CareSource members.

The Quality Achievement Award recognizes providers who have gone above and beyond in delivering exceptional care. The selection criteria for this prestigious award include the ability to close gaps in Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) measures, meet performance targets, pass quarterly Access and Availability audits, and high member satisfaction survey scores.

To honor these exemplary providers, the recipients of the 2024 Quality Achievement Award will receive a commemorative plaque, a catered lunch for their staff, and a \$500 donation to a community-based organization of their choice.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Vidalia Pediatric Clinic, Inc, Longstreet Clinic, White's Pediatrics, and CRH Physicians. Your dedication to quality care and your significant impact on our members' lives are truly commendable. We are privileged to work alongside such outstanding partners and look forward to continuing our collaboration to enhance the health and well-being of our community.

Congratulations!

Newborn Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Update

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) continues to be the leading cause of hospitalizations in infants. Severe RSV can result in significant illness, pneumonia, bronchiolitis and even death in infants and young children. There are four different injections to help avoid severe cases of RSV. Abrysvo, an RSV vaccine, can be administered to pregnant people between 32-36 weeks of pregnancy. This can help prevent severe RSV lower respiratory tract infections in their newborns.

Nirsevimab (Beyfortus), Cesrovimab (Enflonsia) and Palivizumab (Synagis) are monoclonal antibody injections that can be given to infants to help avoid severe RSV lower respiratory tract infections. Monoclonal antibodies are recommended for most infants if their birth parent did not receive Abrysvo during pregnancy, the birth parent's RSV vaccination status is unknown, or the infant was born within 14 days of the birth parent's RSV vaccination. High risk infants and young children may also qualify for a recommended second round of monoclonal antibodies during their second RSV season.

Please note, Synagis will discontinue on December 31, 2025 and should only be given if there is enough supply to last the full RSV season. Refer to the Center of Disease Control (CDC) website for antibody recommendations, administration timing, and high-risk population criteria.

False Claims Act Facts

A Few Facts on the False Claims Act

The False Claims Act (FCA) is a federal law that prohibits a person or entity from:

- Knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment
- Knowingly uses a false record or statement to get a claim paid
- Conspiring with others to get a false or fraudulent claim paid
- Knowingly uses a false record or statement to conceal, avoid, or decrease an obligation to pay or transmit money or property

“Knowingly” means acting with actual knowledge or with reckless disregard or deliberate indifference to the truth or falsity of information.

An example would be if a health care provider, such as a hospital or a physician, knowingly billed for services that were never performed; resulting in overpayment of the claim using Medicaid or Medicare dollars.

Using the FCA you can help reduce fraud. The FCA allows everyday people to bring “whistleblower” lawsuits on behalf of the government — known as “qui tam” suits — against groups or other individuals that are defrauding the government through programs, agencies, or contracts.

You can find more information regarding the False Claims Act on CareSource's website.



Biosimilars: Basics for Providers

What is a biologic drug?

Biological products, also known as biologics, are drugs made up of large, complex molecules made from living sources. These sources may include bacteria, yeast or animal cells, and as a result, they may vary slightly from batch to batch due to inherited differences in the living organism. The manufacturing process for biologics is more complex than non-biologics due to the need for more extensive purification and processing. Some examples of biologics include insulin, Humira (adalimumab), Remicade (infliximab), and certain vaccines.

What is a biosimilar drug?

Biosimilar drugs are biologics that have no meaningful differences when compared to a reference product, or a biologic medication already approved by the FDA. They are made from the same living organisms as the reference products, and they have the same safety and effectiveness as the reference product over the course of treatment.

What is an interchangeable biosimilar?

Interchangeable biosimilars are biosimilar drugs that are proven to demonstrate the same clinical result as the reference product without increased risks. Pharmacists can substitute interchangeable biosimilars for the reference product without the intervention of the prescriber (within state regulations). Not all biosimilars are interchangeable.

How do biosimilars come to market?

The process for bringing a biosimilar product to market is complex, impacted significantly by United States policies on the federal, state and regional (payer) levels. Delays are caused by questions about reimbursement, pricing and how the FDA labels the products (e.g. interchangeability). Additionally, biosimilars are often delayed by litigation conducted by the manufacturers of reference products against manufacturers of biosimilars. These issues can also cause delays in care due to the need for different provider orders, patient and provider education, and costs differences for the patient.

Where can I find more information about biosimilars?

The FDA's Purple Book database has information on all FDA-approved biologics, including a search engine that can be used to find all biologics with the same reference product:

- [Purple Book Search](#)
- [Federal Drug Administration](#)

How can I address patient questions about biosimilars?

The FDA has patient education materials on their [website](#).

Key Provider Takeaways

- Coverage and availability of biosimilars may vary. Always check the member's drug formulary to confirm status.
- Biosimilars are FDA-approved to be as safe and effective as their reference biologics, providing the same clinical outcomes.
- Biosimilars often launch at 15-35 percent lower prices than their reference biologics, although in many cases, especially over time, sustained competition has driven discounts of 50 percent or more.
- Refer to the FDA's Purple Book for information on each biosimilar.

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Pharmacy Updates for Medicaid and Marketplace

CareSource has a searchable drug list that is updated monthly on the website. To find out which drugs are covered under your plan, go to the [Find My Prescriptions](#) link under [Member Tools & Resources](#). The most current updates can be found there also. If members do not have access to the internet, they can call Member Services for their respective market and plan. A CareSource Representative will help members find out if a medication is covered and how much it will cost.





Urgent Call to Action: Protecting Vision Health

Important Reminder: Annual Diabetes Eye Exams are Covered Under Medical Benefits!

The American Diabetes Association (ADA) recommends annual screenings for patients with diabetic retinopathy, while those without can schedule exams every two years. **Great news for your patients who are CareSource members:** They are eligible for one annual diabetes eye exam as part of their medical benefits — **no additional vision coverage required!**

Encourage your patients to take advantage of this benefit to safeguard their vision and ensure timely detection of any potential issues.

Key Steps to Implement:

- Use Accurate Coding with Claims:** Proper coding is vital for identifying members who need eye exams, regardless of retinopathy status.
- Optimize Workflow:** Correct coding minimizes medical record requests and enhances overall efficiency.
- Enhance Care Coordination:** Providers make Ophthalmology referrals, encourage Vision Providers to share exam results and upload findings into the patient's medical record.

Together, let us make vision a priority!

Submit claims including the Diagnosis code and CPTII codes:

Diabetes Diagnosis Code	
E.10.9	Type 1 diabetes melitus (DM) without complications
E11.9	Type 2 DM without complications
E13.9	Other specified DM without complications
(And Select) CPTII Code for Diabetes Eye Exams	
3072F	Low risk, no evidence of retinopathy in the prior year, DM.
2022F	Dilated retinal eye exam (DRE) with interpretation by an ophthalmologist or optometrist documented and reviewed; with evidence of retinopathy (DM).
2024F	Retinal exam/photos with interpretation by ophthalmologist/ optometrist documented and reviewed with retinopathy (DM).
2026F	Eye imaging validated to match diagnosis; retinal photos results documented/reviewed; with evidence of retinopathy (DM).
2023F	DRE exam with interpretation by an ophthalmologist or optometrist documented and reviewed; without evidence of retinopathy (DM).
2025F	Retinal photos with interpretation by ophthalmologist/ optometrist documented and reviewed; without evidence retinopathy (DM).
2033F	Eye imaging matching retinal photos results documented/ reviewed; without evidence of retinopathy (DM).



Newborn Preventive Health Exams: A baby's first steps to wellness – the initial exam

Did You Know?

Hospitals and birthing centers are required to complete the initial Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) newborn preventive visits within 24 hours after birth and prior to discharge.

Why?

Initial newborn preventive health exams are critical for early detection and prevention of potential health issues. Identifying congenital conditions, metabolic disorders, or developmental issues early, can significantly improve health outcomes. The exams are the newborn's first steps to wellness.

Action Needed

1. Complete the health assessments at birth, and before discharge
2. Submit the applicable CPT codes; see below:

Code	Description
99460	Initial hospital or birthing center care, per newborn
99461	Initial hospital or birthing center care, per newborn, for a subsequent visit
99463	Initial hospital or birthing center care, per newborn, for a newborn with complications

Timely completion of these visits, and code submission is critical for the health of newborns and data capture for compliance. Thank you for your attention to this important matter, and please share this flyer, and information with your billers, coders, and health care providers.

To learn more, visit CareSource.com/GA and log into the [Provider Portal](#).



New Year, New Beginnings: Set goals to stay healthy and get rewarded!

The end of the year and the beginning of a new one are significant moments that offer opportunities for reflection, gratitude, and especially goal setting. With many wanting to improve their mental and physical well-being, there is no better time than the new year to remind our members about the Reward programs. Below are some Reward programs that members can take advantage of today:

MyHealth: Adults 18+, Members are automatically enrolled;

How it works: Once the healthy activity is completed, we will process the claim and add the rewards to the member's MyHealth account. The points can be redeemed for electronic gift cards to retailers like Walmart, T.J. Maxx, Panera, and much more.

MyKids: Newborn through 17 years old, Each child must enroll

How it works: Once the healthy activity is completed, we will process the claim and add the rewards to the member's Rewards Card. The Rewards Card can be used to purchase everyday items at approved S3 retailers.

To learn more, please visit our CareSource Website: [Rewards | Georgia – Medicaid | CareSource](#)

Thank you for your continued partnership.

Let's continue to embrace the wins and foster the connections with our members.

Now available: Health Needs Assessment in CareSource MyLife

Completing the Health Needs Assessment has never been easier. Members can now complete their Health Needs Screening for themselves or their children or dependents directly through their CareSource MyLife account or by visiting MyLife.CareSource.com/Assess, where they will need to enter their first and last name, date of birth, and member ID number.

Encourage your members to complete their Health Needs Assessment today. The sooner they complete it, the sooner we can connect them with the right resources, support, and care that match their unique needs. Plus, members might earn rewards when completing it.

Visit MyLife.CareSource.com/Assess to help members get started.



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Member Corner

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Thank you for your partnership!