

# Administrative Policy Statement WEST VIRGINIA MARKETPLACE PLANS

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Medical Necess  Determination	•	D-0050	3/1/2020		
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Medical	ADMINISTRATIVE	Pharmacy	Reimbursement		

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#### **Medical Necessity Determinations**

#### B. Background

CareSource will determine medical necessity for a requested service, procedure, or product based on the hierarchy within this policy.

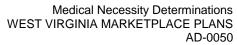
#### C. Definitions

Medically Necessary: Health care services or supplies needed to prevent, diagnose
or treat an illness, injury, condition, disease or its symptoms and that meet accepted
standards of medicine.

#### D. Policy

- I. The reviewer will determine medical necessity based on the following hierarchy:
  - A. Benefit contract language.
  - B. Federal regulation or state regulation.
  - C. CareSource medical policy statements.
  - D. Nationally-accepted evidence-based clinical guideline (MCG).
  - E. Professional judgment of the medical or behavioral health reviewer based on the following potential resources (may include but are not limited to):
    - 1. Clinical Practice Guidelines published by consortiums of medical organizations and generally accepted as industry standard.
    - 2. Evidence from TWO published studies from major scientific or medical peerreviewed journals that are < 5 years old preferred and < 10 years required to support the proposed use for the specific medical condition as safe and effective.
    - 3. National panels and consortiums such as NIH (National Institutes of Health), CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention), AHRQ (Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality), NCCN (National Comprehensive Cancer Network), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Studies must be approved by a United States (US) institutional review board (IRB) accredited by the Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs, Inc. (AAHRPP) to protect vulnerable minors.
    - 4. Commercial External Review Organizations such as Up-to-date and Hayes, Inc.
    - 5. Consultation from a like specialty peer.
    - 6. Specialty and sub-specialty societies listed below (This is not an all-inclusive list):





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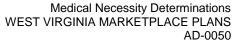
Sub-specialty	Specialty Society	
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Cardiology	American College of Cardiology	
Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology	Heart Rhythm Society	
Critical Care Medicine	Society of Critical Care Medicine	
Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism	American Academy of Clinical Endocrinologists Endocrine Society	
Gastroenterology	American Gastroenterological Association American College of Gastroenterology	
Geriatric Medicine	American Geriatrics Society	
Gynecology	American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Society of Gynecologic Oncologists:	
Gynecologic Oncology	Society of Gynecologic Oncologists	
Hematology	American Society of Hematology	
Hospice and Palliative Medicine	American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine	
Infectious Disease	Infectious Disease Society of America	
Internal Medicine	UpToDate	
Nephrology	American Society of Nephrology	
Oncology	American Society of Clinical Oncology	
Pediatrics	American Academy of Pediatrics	
Psychiatry	American Psychiatric Association	
	American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry	
Pulmonary Disease	American College of Chest Physicians	
Rheumatology	American College of Rheumatology	
Sleep Medicine	American Academy of Sleep Medicine	
Surgery of the Hand	American Society for Surgery of the Hand	
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## E. Conditions of Coverage

### F. Related Policies/Rules

CareSource Evidence of Coverage





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G. Review/Revision History

	DATES	ACTION	
Date Issued	6/15/2012		
Date Revised	07/15/2013 07/15/2014 05/19/2015	Criteria changes with specialty/sub-specialty table added to policy. Revise language to include 'professional judgment in the absence of evidence-based methodology' and change order of Plan hierarchy.	
	12/15/2015 9/1/2017 12/11/2019	Revised class/category and defined evidence criteria for article submissions. Added rule, removed hyperlinks, added definition, updated external review organizations and updated age restrictions.	
Date Effective	3/1/2020		
Date Archived			

#### H. References

1. CareSource. (2019). Evidence of Coverage. Retrieved from https://www.caresource.com/documents/2019-wv-mp-enhanced-eoc/

The Administrative Policy Statement detailed above has received due consideration as defined in the Administrative Policy Statement Policy and is approved.

