



### **Network Notification**

**Notification Date:** March 20, 2017  
**To:** CareSource Marketplace Health Partners  
**From:** CareSource®  
**Subject:** PY-0089 - Drug Screening Payment Policy  
**Effective Date:** May 1, 2017

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Effective, May 1, 2017, CareSource will implement the Drug Screening Payment Policy. Reimbursement policies are designed to assist you when submitting claims to CareSource. They are routinely updated to promote accurate coding and policy clarification. These proprietary policies are not a guarantee of payment. Reimbursement for claims may be subject to limitations and/or qualifications.

#### **SUMMARY**

The Drug Screening Payment Policy will reduce the number of covered screenings CareSource members are eligible for per quarter. In addition, CareSource will not cover drug testing at non-par laboratories.

#### **IMPACT**

Drug screenings will not require prior authorization. However, medical records must substantiate the medical necessity for each test ordered.

CareSource will reimburse for up to 5 qualitative/presumptive drug screening test CPT codes in a quarter per member. CareSource will also reimburse for up to 5 quantitative/confirmatory drug screening test CPT codes in a quarter per member.

CareSource will not cover drug testing performed at non-par laboratories. CareSource requires labs to directly bill CareSource. A prior authorization for additional tests beyond limits is not available for coverage.

Claims not meeting the necessary criteria as described in the policy document will be denied.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

The full policy is available on the CareSource.com [Health Partner Payment Policies](#) web page. To access the policy, locate the Payment Policies heading on the grid, select CareSource Marketplace Plans and select your state. Reference the PY-0089 - Drug Screening Payment Policy. You may refer to the specific policy for more information on:

- Prior Authorization
- Individualized Testing, Non-Urine Testing, Urine Testing
- Physician Orders and Documentation Requirements
- Testing by Non-ordering providers
- Quantity limitations
- Confirmatory and Duplicative Testing
- Drug Testing Laboratories

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in adhering to this new policy requirement.

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