



### **Network Notification**

**Notification Date:** March 31, 2017  
**To:** OH Medicaid, OH Marketplace Plans, OH Medicare Health Partners  
**From:** CareSource®  
**Subject:** PY-0163, PY-0167, PY-0168 Non-Invasive Vascular Studies Payment Policy  
**Effective Date:** May 1, 2017

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Effective **May 1, 2017**, CareSource will introduce a new Non-Invasive Vascular Studies payment policy for Ohio Medicaid, Ohio Marketplace plans and Ohio Medicare.

#### **SUMMARY**

The Non-Invasive Vascular Studies payment policy outlines how CareSource will reimburse participating providers for medically-necessary Non-Invasive Vascular studies. Reimbursement criteria is based on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) Local Coverage Determination (LCD) guidelines. Reimbursement policies are designed to assist you when submitting claims to CareSource.

#### **IMPACT**

CareSource will reimburse providers for non-invasive vascular studies to CareSource members as set forth in this policy. Non-invasive vascular studies may be used interchangeably with Duplex scan or Duplex ultrasound for the purposes of this policy. The guidelines in the payment policy include the following information:

- **Prior authorization requirements:** CareSource does not require prior authorization for non-invasive vascular testing. However, CareSource may request documentation to support medical necessity.
- **Medical necessity requirements:**
  - To be considered medically necessary, the ordering physician must have reasonable expectation that the non-invasive vascular study results will potentially impact the clinical management of the patient.
  - To be considered medically-necessary, the following conditions must be met: significant signs/symptoms of arterial or venous disease are present, the information is necessary for appropriate medical and/or surgical management and the test is not redundant of other diagnostic procedures that must be performed.
- **Reimbursement codes:** Reimbursement is based on submitting a claim with the appropriate ICD-10 diagnosis code to match the non-invasive vascular study CPT code. The policy provides a non-exhaustive list of CPT codes that may be used in submitting claims for a non-invasive vascular study.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

The full policy is effective on **May 1, 2017**, and may be found on the **CareSource.com** [Health Partner Policies](#) web page. To access the policy, select the Plan Name and State and reference the Non-Invasive Vascular Studies OH Medicaid, OH Marketplace Plans and Ohio Medicare Payment policies. You may refer to the specific policy for more information on:

- Policy criteria and rationale
- Codes, including CPT and ICD-10
- Conditions of Coverage

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

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