



ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY STATEMENT

Ohio Medicaid

Policy Name & Number	Date Effective
Medical Necessity Determinations-OH MCD-AD-0005	05/01/2024

Provider Manuals, Member Handbook, and

The ADMINISTRATIVE Policy Statement detailed above has received due consideration



2. clinically appropriate in type, frequency, extent, duration, and delivery setting
3. appropriate to the adverse health condition for which it is provided and is expected to produce the desired outcome
4. the lowest cost alternative that effectively addresses and treats the medical problem
5. provides unique, essential, and appropriate information if used for diagnostic purposes
6. not provided primarily for the economic benefit of the provider nor for the convenience of the provider or anyone else other than the recipient

Mental Health Parity and Addictions Equity Act (MHPAEA) ±A 2008 federal law that generally prevents group health plans and health insurance issuers who provide mental health and substance use disorder (MH/SUD) benefits from imposing less favorable benefit limitations than on medical/surgical coverage.

D. Policy

- I. According to the rules of Mental Health Parity Addiction Equity Act (MHPAEA), coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of a behavioral health (BH) disorder will not be subject to any limitations that are less favorable than limitations that apply to medical conditions as covered under this policy. The reviewer will determine medical necessity based on the following hierarchy:
 - A. benefit contract language
 - B. federal or state regulations, including state waiver regulations when applicable, and/or Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM)-developed criteria
 - C.



6. specialty and sub-specialty societies listed below (not an all-inclusive list):

General Area	Specialty Society
Addiction	American Society of Addiction Medicine, American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry
Allergy & Immunology	American Academy of Asthma, Allergy & Immunology, American College of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology
Anesthesiology	American Society of Anesthesiologists
Cardiology	American College of Cardiology, American Heart Association
Colorectal Care	American Society of Colon & Rectal Surgeons
Critical Care Medicine	Society of Critical Care Medicine
Dermatology	American Academy of Dermatology
Emergency Medicine Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism	American College of Emergency Physicians, American Board of Emergency Medicine

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Rheumatology	American College of Rheumatology
Surgery & Vascular Surgery	American College of Surgeons
Thoracic & Cardiac Surgery	Society of Thoracic Surgeons
Urology	American Urological Association, American Society of Clinical Urologists

E. Conditions of Coverage

The fact that a physician, dentist, or other licensed practitioner renders, prescribes, orders, certifies, recommends, approves, or submits a claim for a procedure, item, or service does not, in and of itself, make the procedure, item, or service medically necessary and does not guarantee payment.

F. Related Policies/Rules

I. Regulations:

- A. State-specific: Managed Care Programs, Ohio Admin. Code 5160-26 (2023), including, but not limited to the following:
 - 1. Managed Care: Covered Services, OHIO ADMIN. CODE 5160-26-03 (2022).
 - 2. Managed Care: Provider Services, OHIO ADMIN. CODE 5160-26-05.1

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