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A. Subject

Peroral Endoscopic Myotomy

B. Background

Achalasia (ie, failure to relax) is a rare esophageal disorder that affects about 1 in every 100,000 people. The major symptom of achalasia is usually difficulty with swallowing.

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VI. Members receiving POEM should be made aware there is a high risk in developing GERD and will need to be advised of management considerations prior to undergoing the procedure.

E. Conditions of Coverage
N/A

F. Related Policies/Rules
N/A

G. Review/Revision History

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