

Notification of Medical Policy Revisions: November 2018

Medical Policy	Revision
Step Therapy Part B Medications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Policy Development • CMS rescinded September 17, 2012 HPMS memo “Prohibition on Imposing Mandatory Step Therapy for Access to Part B Drugs and Services,” and issuing new guidance that recognizes Medicare Advantage (MA) plans may use step therapy for Part B drugs, beginning January 1, 2019, as part of a patient centered care coordination program.
Trasncatheter Mitral Valve Replacement (TMVR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff Clarification • Removed Indications for Coverage #2 “The Medical Director will review all TMVR requests.” • Removed References #2 as link was no longer valid and didn’t refer to any criteria within the policy. • Moved “Medicare may cover TMVR for members who have other indications when enrolled in a Medicare qualified clinical trial and registered at https://clinicaltrials.gov/ . Also, CMS lists the clinical study approvals at http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coverage/Coverage-with-Evidence-Development/Transcatheter-Mitral-Valve-Repair-TMVR.html“ from special notes to under Indications for Coverage.
Neuropsychological Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coding Update Only • Codes 96118, 96119, and 96120 removed as these codes will be deleted codes effective 12/31/18
Psychological Evaluations Covered as a Medical Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coding Update Only • Codes 96101, 96102, and 96103 removed as these codes will be deleted codes effective 12/31/18