DEcision-Making Resources Guideline

Gold Coast Health Plan (GCHP) reviews services to members in order to determine whether the services are medically necessary, not medically necessary, or investigational and not medically necessary. In making these decisions, GCHP determines whether such services are in accordance with evidence-based medical practice. Decision-making may take into account credible scientific evidence published in peer-reviewed medical literature generally recognized by the relevant medical community, physician specialty society recommendations, and the views of physicians practicing in relevant clinical areas who offer peer-reviewed assessments (such as through AMR), and other relevant factors as they relate to the member's clinical circumstances.

This document provides a list of resources available to GCHP's medical reviewers to use in situations where the company does not have a guideline that addresses the specific service or product for which benefits are requested. If a relevant guideline is available, it is to be used as the basis for decision-making, and this process is not to be followed.

- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) – Clinical Information
  http://www.ahrq.gov/clinic/

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
  http://www.cdc.gov

- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

- National Comprehensive Cancer Network
  http://www.nccn.org

- National Library of Medicine – PubMed

- U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
  http://www.fda.gov

SPECIALTY SOCIETIES:

- **Allergy and Immunology**
  American Academy of Asthma, Allergy and Immunology (AAAAI) http://www.aaaai.org

- **Anesthesiology**
  American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) http://www.asahq.org

- **Colon and Rectal Surgery**
  American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons (ASCRS) http://www.fascrs.org

- **Dermatology**
  American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) http://www.aad.org

- **Emergency Medicine**
  American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) http://www.acep.org

- **Family Medicine**
  American Academy of Family Practice (AAFP) http://www.aafp.org
• Internal Medicine
  American College of Physicians (ACP) http://www.acponline.org

• Medical Genetics
  American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ACMG) http://www.acmg.net

• Neurological Surgery
  American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) http://www.aans.org

• Nuclear Medicine
  American College of Nuclear Medicine (ACNM) http://www.acnucmed.com

• Obstetrics and Gynecology
  American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) http://www.acog.org

• Ophthalmology
  American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) http://www.aao.org

• Orthopedic Surgery
  American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) http://www.aaos.org

• Otolaryngology

• Pathology
  College of American Pathologists (CAP) http://www.cap.org
  American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) http://www.ascp.org

• Pediatrics
  American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) http://www.aap.org

• Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
  American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (AAPM&R) http://www.aapmr.org

• Plastic Surgery
  American Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS) http://www.plasticsurgery.org

• Preventive Medicine
  American College of Preventive Medicine (ACPM) http://www.acpm.org
  American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM) http://www.acoem.org

• Psychiatry and Neurology
  American Psychiatric Association http://www.psych.org
  American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP) http://www.aacap.org
  American Academy of Neurology (AAN) http://www.aan.com
  Child Neurology Society (CNS) http://www.childneurologysociety.org

• Radiology
  American College of Radiology (ACR) http://www.acr.org
  American Society for Therapeutic Radiation and Oncology (ASTRO) http://www.astro.org
• Surgery and Vascular Surgery
  American College of Surgeons (ACS) http://www.facs.org

• Thoracic Surgery
  Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS) http://www.sts.org

• Urology
  American Urological Association (AUA) http://www.auanet.org

SUBSPECIALTY SOCIETIES

• Cardiology
  American College of Cardiology (ACC) http://www.acc.org

• Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology
  Heart Rhythm Society (HRS) http://www.HRSonline.org

• Critical Care Medicine
  Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) http://www.sccm.org

• Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism
  American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists (AACE) http://www.aace.com
  Endocrine Society http://www.endocrine.org

• Gastroenterology
  American Gastroenterological Association (AGA) http://www.gastro.org
  American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) http://www.acg.gi.org

• Geriatric Medicine
  American Geriatrics Society (AGS) http://www.americangeriatrics.org

• Geriatric Psychiatry
  American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry (AAGP) http://www.aagponline.org

• Gynecologic Oncology
  Society of Gynecologic Oncology (SGO) http://www.sgo.org

• Hematology
  American Society of Hematology (ASH) http://www.hematology.org

• Hospice and Palliative Medicine
  American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM) http://www.aahpm.org

• Infectious Disease
  Infectious Disease Society of America (IDSA) http://www.idsociety.org

• Medical Toxicology
  American College of Medical Toxicology http://www.acmt.net

• Nephrology
  American Society of Nephrology (ASN) http://www.asn-online.org
- Neuroradiology
  American Society of Neuroradiology (ASNR) [http://www.asnr.org]

- Oncology
  American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) [http://www.asco.org]

- Pain Medicine
  American Pain Society (APS) [http://americanpainsociety.org]

- Pulmonary Disease
  American College of Chest Physicians (ACCP) [http://www.chestnet.org]

- Reproductive Endocrinology / Infertility
  American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM) [http://www.asrm.org]

- Rheumatology
  American College of Rheumatology (ACR) [http://www.rheumatology.org]

- Sleep Medicine
  American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM) [http://www.aasmnet.org]

- Sports Medicine
  American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine (AOSSM) [http://www.sportsmed.org]

- Surgery of the Hand
  American Society for Surgery of the Hand (ASSH) [http://www.assh.org]

- Transplant Hepatology
  American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD) [http://www.aasld.org]
  American Society of Transplant Surgeons (ASTS) [http://www.asts.org]

- Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine
  Undersea & Hyperbaric Medical Society (UHMS) [http://www.uhms.org]

- Vascular and Interventional Radiology
  Society of Interventional Radiology (SIR) [http://www.sirweb.org]

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