



Network Notification

Notification Date: April 19, 2017
To: Ohio Medicaid Health Partners and Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and West Virginia Marketplace Plans Health Partners
From: CareSource®
Subject: PY-0037, PY-0205 Sexually Transmitted Infections Reimbursement Policy
Effective Date: May 26, 2017

Effective May 26, 2017, CareSource will introduce a revised Sexually Transmitted Infections reimbursement policy for Ohio Medicaid. It will replace the existing Sexually Transmitted Infections reimbursement policy for Ohio Medicaid. CareSource will also introduce a new Sexually Transmitted Infections reimbursement policy for our Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and West Virginia Marketplace plans.

SUMMARY:

The Sexually Transmitted Infections reimbursement policy outlines how CareSource will reimburse participating providers for medically necessary screening tests for sexually transmitted infections (STIs). The reimbursement policy is based on recommendations from the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) National Coverage Determination (NCD) Manual, Section 210.10.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

Reimbursement policies are designed to assist you when submitting claims to CareSource.

- The Ohio Medicaid policy was revised and will now include coverage of men and women. As a summary:
 - CareSource considers screening for chlamydia trachomatis (chlamydia) and Neisseria gonorrhoea (gonorrhea) infections as medically necessary preventive care for men and women with high-risk factors of any age for chlamydia and/or gonorrhea, according to the USPSTF, CDC and NCQA.
 - CareSource covers trichomoniasis screening tests for high-risk men and trichomoniasis/trichomonas vaginalis in high-risk women, pregnant women and women under 25.
 - CareSource considers screening as medically necessary for trichomoniasis in men with high risk factors, and trichomoniasis/trichomonas vaginalis in women with high risk factors.
 - If policy criteria are met, as outlined in this policy, CareSource will reimburse for CPT codes once per calendar year for medically necessary screenings for STIs in asymptomatic men and women, if accompanied by one or more of the following gender-appropriate ICD-10 codes. Refer to the policy for a list of CPT codes.
- The Marketplace plans policy for Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and West Virginia includes, but is not limited to, the following information:
 - CareSource does not require prior authorization for medically necessary sexually transmitted infection (STI) screenings.
 - Screening tests for the STIs referenced in this policy are selected laboratory tests. The policy includes diagnostic testing information to clarify coverage for diagnostic versus screening indications.
 - According to the USPSTF, the Centers for Disease Control and the National Committee for Quality Assurance, CareSource considers screening for chlamydia trachomatis (chlamydia) and Neisseria gonorrhoea (gonorrhea) infections as medically necessary preventive care for the following member groups:
 - All pregnant women younger than 25 years of age

- All sexually active women younger than 25 years of age
- Men and women with high-risk factors of any age for chlamydia trachomatis and/or gonorrhea infection
- CareSource considers chlamydia and/or gonorrhea diagnostic testing procedures medically necessary for members with signs or symptoms of chlamydia and/or gonorrhea infection.
- CareSource covers trichomoniasis screening testing in high-risk men. CareSource covers trichomoniasis/trichomonas vaginalis screening testing in high-risk women, pregnant women and women under 25.
- CareSource covers screenings for the USPSTF-indicated STIs outlined in the policy with the appropriate Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved laboratory tests. The screenings must be ordered and performed by an eligible provider for these services. They must be used consistently with FDA-approved labeling and in compliance with the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act (CLIA) regulations.

You may refer to the specific policy for more information on policy criteria and rationale, any applicable CPT and ICD-10 codes, and conditions of coverage

NEXT STEPS:

The full policy is effective on **May 26, 2017**, on the **CareSource.com** [Health Partner Policies](#) web page. To access the policy, navigate to the Reimbursement Policies section of the page, click on the appropriate Plan Name and State, then reference the Sexually Transmitted Infections reimbursement policy. You may also access the policies directly at the links below:

- [Ohio Medicaid Sexually Transmitted Infections reimbursement policy](#)
- [Marketplace Plans Sexually Transmitted Infections reimbursement policy](#)

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

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