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To: All IPA Administrators and Medical Directors
From: IEHP – Provider Relations
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Subject: **REVISED/RETIRED – UM Authorization Guidelines**

IEHP’s Guideline Review Committee has approved the following authorization guideline updates/changes, effective 4/30/2024:

Guideline #	Guideline Title	Degree of Change	Updates/Changes
UM_OTH 13	Transitional Care Medicine	Minor	Highlights: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Updated references
UM_SUR 06	Natural Orifice Transluminal Endoscopic Surgery (NOTES)	Minor	Highlights: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A form of surgery where an endoscope is introduced into a natural body orifice (mouth, anus, vagina, etc.), thereby eliminating the need for incisions and the resulting scars they produce.• In some cases, an incision may be made in a hollow organ to access another, nearby organ. For example, the appendix may be accessed through the stomach.• IEHP does not cover Natural Orifice Transluminal Endoscopic Surgery (NOTES) as a benefit. An exception is Transoral Incisionless Fundoplication (TIF) which is covered for Medicare patients for a limited number of indications.• Recommend utilizing LCD 34659 to review requests for TIF for our Medicare line of business. All other requests for NOTES procedures should be denied. For this review cycle, this policy has undergone minor formatting changes and an update of references.

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UM_OTH 21	Chimeric Antigen Receptor T Cell (CAR-T)Therapy	N/A Retired	<p>Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IEHP’s CAR-T Therapy policy was first implemented in 05/2020, and currently covers 6 CAR-T agents available in the market. • CMS has National Coverage Determination on Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR) T-cell access (NCD 110.24). • DHCS has Medi-Cal Provider Manual criteria on each of the CAR-T agents. • NCCN and MCG also have their guidelines/criteria for each of the CAR-T agents. • IEHP recommends retiring the CAR-T Therapy policy, to be consistent of IEHP UM criteria hierarchy.

You may access these and all other authorization guidelines through the IEHP website: www.providerservices.iehp.org
 > Resources > Provider Resources > Utilization Management Clinical Criteria

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