Anthem Blue Cross

Reminder: Clinical Information Required for Medicare Advantage Members

Getting the best care in the most appropriate setting is key to achieving the best outcomes for our Medicare Advantage members. These members rely on their health care professionals and their health plan to help coordinate this important aspect of their care. To do this, timely communication is essential.

Please refer to your provider agreement and the Medicare Advantage HMO & PPO Provider Guidebook to ensure that you provide the correct and complete clinical information at the correct time when requesting a medical necessity review when clinical information is needed.

Please note that Anthem Blue Cross Medicare Advantage plans administer Medicare coverage for our Medicare Advantage members and follow Medicare guidelines. If the information provided does not support medical necessity, the service cannot be approved under Medicare law. Please provide the necessary information to justify the services you are requesting at the time of the request to allow for an appropriate decision to be made. Any service determined to require a clinical review will be processed in accordance with:

- Section 1861(a)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act, which states that Medicare payment can only be made for services/items that are medically necessary and reasonable.
- Section 1833(e) of the Social Security Act, which states that Medicare payment can be made only when the documentation supports the service/item.

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