

Clinical Utilization Management Guidelines

Attached is a list of the *Clinical UM Guidelines* the health plan has adopted.

The full list of *Medical Policies* and *Clinical Utilization Management (UM) Guidelines* are publicly available on the [Medical Policy and Clinical UM Guideline subsidiary website](#). Their purpose is to help you provide quality care by reducing inappropriate use of medical resources.

InterQual® Criteria or MCG Care Guidelines are used for:

- Medical necessity review for medical and behavioral health inpatient review.
- Inpatient site of service appropriateness.
- Inpatient rehabilitation and skilled nursing facility review.
- Outpatient based service or procedure where there is not an established *Medical Policy* or *Clinical UM Guideline*.

In addition, American Society of Addiction Medicine® criteria is used for substance use services according to state requirements.

Medicaid state contracts, regulatory guidance, CMS requirements and our *Medical Policy/Clinical UM Guidelines* supersede MCG Care Guidelines and InterQual Criteria.

Note: We make determinations of medical necessity on a case-by-case basis in accordance with the definition of medical necessity that is contained within the Medicaid state contract, regulatory guidance, CMS requirements or in our *Medical Necessity Criteria Policy ADMIN.00004*.

If the request doesn't meet established criteria guidelines, it will be referred to a licensed physician reviewer with the appropriate clinical expertise to make a decision.

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The new *Clinical Utilization Management (UM) Guidelines* below were adopted by the medical operations committee for Amerigroup members on November 19, 2020. These guidelines take effect 30 days from posting. Note, not all of the services and codes referenced within these guidelines are reimbursed under Medicaid or CHIP. Please refer to Medicaid/CHIP guidelines for coverage and reimbursement information.

To view a guideline, visit https://medicalpolicies.amerigroup.com/am_search.html.

Clinical UM Guideline number	Clinical UM Guideline title	New item
CG-ADMIN-01	<i>Clinical Utilization Management (UM) Guideline for Pre-Payment Review Medical Necessity Determinations When No Other Clinical UM Guideline Exists</i>	
CG-ANC-06	Ambulance Services: Ground; Nonemergent	
CG-ANC-08	Mobile Device-Based Health Management Applications	
CG-BEH-01	Assessment for Autism Spectrum Disorders and Rett Syndrome	
CG-BEH-15	Activity Therapy for Autism Spectrum Disorders and Rett Syndrome	
CG-DME-03	Neuromuscular Stimulation in the Treatment of Muscle Atrophy	
CG-DME-04	Electrical Nerve Stimulation, Transcutaneous, Percutaneous	
CG-DME-05	Cervical Traction Devices for Home Use	
CG-DME-06	Pneumatic Compression Devices for Lymphedema	
CG-DME-08	Infant Home Apnea Monitors	
CG-DME-15	Hospital Beds and Accessories	
CG-DME-25	Seat Lift Mechanisms	
CG-DME-35	Electric Breast Pumps	
CG-DME-36	Pediatric Gait Trainers	
CG-DME-39	Dynamic Low-Load Prolonged-Duration Stretch Devices	

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CG-DME-41	Ultraviolet Light Therapy Delivery Devices for Home Use	
CG-DME-44	Electric Tumor Treatment Field (TTF)	
CG-DME-45	Ultrasound Bone Growth Stimulation	
CG-DME-46	Pneumatic Compression Devices for Prevention of Deep Vein Thrombosis of the Extremities in the Home Setting	
CG-GENE-01	Janus Kinase 2, CALR and MPL Gene Mutation Assays	
CG-GENE-02	Analysis of RAS Status	
CG-GENE-04	Molecular Marker Evaluation of Thyroid Nodules	
CG-GENE-05	Genetic Testing for DMD Mutations (Duchenne or Becker Muscular Dystrophy)	
CG-GENE-07	BCR-ABL Mutation Analysis	
CG-GENE-08	Genetic Testing for PTEN Hamartoma Tumor Syndrome	
CG-GENE-09	Genetic Testing for CHARGE Syndrome	
CG-GENE-10	Chromosomal Microarray Analysis (CMA) for Developmental Delay, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Intellectual Disability (Intellectual Developmental Disorder) and Congenital Anomalies	
CG-GENE-11	Genotype Testing for Individual Genetic Polymorphisms to Determine Drug-Metabolizer Status	
CG-GENE-12	PIK3CA Mutation Testing for Malignant Conditions	
CG-GENE-13	Genetic Testing for Inherited Diseases	
CG-GENE-14	Gene Mutation Testing for Solid Tumor Cancer Susceptibility and Management	
CG-GENE-15	Genetic Testing for Lynch Syndrome, Familial Adenomatous Polyposis (FAP), Attenuated FAP and MYH-associated Polyposis	

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CG-GENE-16	BRCA Testing for Breast and/or Ovarian Cancer Syndrome	
CG-GENE-17	RET Proto-oncogene Testing for Endocrine Gland Cancer Susceptibility	
CG-GENE-18	Genetic Testing for TP53 Mutations	
CG-GENE-19	Detection and Quantification of Tumor DNA Using Next Generation Sequencing in Lymphoid Cancers	
CG-GENE-20	Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor (EGFR) Testing	
CG-GENE-21	Cell-Free Fetal DNA-Based Prenatal Testing	NEW
CG-LAB-03	Tropism Testing for HIV Management	
CG-LAB-09	Drug Testing or Screening in the Context of Substance Use Disorder and Chronic Pain	
CG-LAB-10	Zika Virus Testing	
CG-LAB-11	Screening for Vitamin D Deficiency in Average Risk Individuals	
CG-LAB-12	Testing for Oral and Esophageal Cancer	
CG-LAB-13	Skin Nerve Fiber Density Testing	
CG-LAB-14	Respiratory Viral Panel Testing in the Outpatient Setting	
CG-MED-02	Esophageal pH Monitoring	
CG-MED-05	Ketogenic Diet for Treatment of Intractable Seizures	
CG-MED-08	Home Enteral Nutrition	
CG-MED-24	Electromyography and Nerve Conduction Studies	
CG-MED-26	Neonatal Levels of Care	
CG-MED-28	Iontophoresis for Medical Indications	
CG-MED-34	Monitored Anesthesia Care for Gastrointestinal Endoscopic Procedures	
CG-MED-35	Retinal Telescreening Systems	
CG-MED-37	Intensive Programs for Pediatric Feeding Disorders	
CG-MED-39	Bone Mineral Density Testing Measurement	

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CG-MED-40	External Ambulatory Event Monitors to Detect Cardiac Arrhythmias	
CG-MED-41	Moderate to Deep Anesthesia Services for Dental Surgery in the Facility Setting	
CG-MED-44	Holter Monitors	
CG-MED-45	Transrectal Ultrasonography	
CG-MED-46	Electroencephalography and Video Electroencephalographic Monitoring	
CG-MED-47	Fundus Photography	
CG-MED-48	Scrotal Ultrasound	
CG-MED-49	Auditory Brainstem Responses (ABRs) and Evoked Otoacoustic Emissions (OAEs) for Hearing Disorders	
CG-MED-50	Visual, Somatosensory and Motor Evoked Potentials	
CG-MED-51	Three-Dimensional (3-D) Rendering of Imaging Studies	
CG-MED-52	Allergy Immunotherapy (Subcutaneous)	
CG-MED-55	Site of Care: Advanced Radiologic Imaging	
CG-MED-56	Non-Obstetrical Transvaginal Ultrasonography	
CG-MED-57	Cardiac Stress Testing with Electrocardiogram	
CG-MED-59	Upper Gastrointestinal Endoscopy in Adults	
CG-MED-61	Preoperative Testing for Low Risk Invasive Procedures and Surgeries	
CG-MED-62	Resting Electrocardiogram Screening in Adults	
CG-MED-63	Treatment of Hyperhidrosis	
CG-MED-64	Transcatheter Ablation of Arrhythmogenic Foci in the Pulmonary Veins as a Treatment of Atrial Fibrillation or Atrial Flutter (Radiofrequency and Cryoablation)	
CG-MED-65	Manipulation Under Anesthesia	
CG-MED-66	Cryopreservation of Oocytes or Ovarian Tissue	

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CG-MED-68	Therapeutic Apheresis	
CG-MED-69	Inhaled Nitric Oxide	
CG-MED-70	Wireless Capsule Endoscopy for Gastrointestinal Image and the Patency Capsule	
CG-MED-72	Hyperthermia for Cancer Therapy	
CG-MED-74	Implantable Ambulatory Event Monitors and Mobile Cardiac Telemetry	
CG-MED-75	Medical and Other Non-Behavioral Health Related Treatments for Autism Spectrum Disorders and Rett Syndrome	
CG-MED-76	Magnetic Source Imaging and Magnetoencephalography	
CG-MED-77	SPECT/CT Fusion Imaging	
CG-MED-78	Anesthesia Services for Interventional Pain Management Procedures	
CG-MED-81	High Intensity Focused Ultrasound (HIFU) for Oncologic Indications	
CG-MED-83	Site of Care: Specialty Pharmaceuticals	
CG-MED-85	Posterior Segment Optical Coherence Tomography	
CG-MED-86	Enhanced External Counterpulsation in the Outpatient Setting	
CG-MED-87	Single Photon Emission Computed Tomography Scans for Noncardiovascular Indications	
CG-MED-88	Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis Testing	
CG-OR-PR-02	Prefabricated and Prophylactic Knee Braces	
CG-OR-PR-06	Spinal Orthoses: Thoracic-Lumber-Sacral (TLSO), Lumbar-Sacral (LSO), and Lumber	
CG-REHAB-03	Pulmonary Rehabilitation	
CG-REHAB-07	Skilled Nursing and Skilled Rehabilitation Services (Outpatient)	
CG-REHAB-10	Level of Care: Outpatient Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy	

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	and Speech-Language Pathology Services	
CG-SURG-03	Blepharoplasty, Blepharoptosis Repair and Brow Lift	
CG-SURG-05	Maze Procedure	
CG-SURG-07	Vertical Expandable Prosthetic Titanium Rib	
CG-SURG-08	Sacral Nerve Stimulation as a Treatment of Neurogenic Bladder Secondary to Spinal Cord Injury	
CG-SURG-09	Temporomandibular Disorders	
CG-SURG-11	Surgical Treatment for Dupuytren's Contracture	
CG-SURG-12	Penile Prosthesis Implantation	
CG-SURG-15	Endometrial Ablation	
CG-SURG-17	Trigger Point Injections	
CG-SURG-18	Septoplasty	
CG-SURG-24	Functional Endoscopic Sinus Surgery (FESS)	
CG-SURG-25	Injection Treatment for Morton's Neuroma	
CG-SURG-28	Transcatheter Uterine Artery Embolization	
CG-SURG-29	Lumbar Discography	
CG-SURG-30	Tonsillectomy for Children with or without Adenoidectomy	
CG-SURG-31	Treatment of Keloids and Scar Revision	
CG-SURG-34	Diagnostic Infertility Surgery	
CG-SURG-35	Intracytoplasmic Sperm Injection (ICSI)	
CG-SURG-36	Adenoidectomy	
CG-SURG-37	Destruction of Pre-Malignant Skin Lesions	
CG-SURG-40	Cataract Removal Surgery for Adults	
CG-SURG-41	Surgical Strabismus Correction	
CG-SURG-46	Myringotomy and Tympanostomy Tube Insertion	
CG-SURG-49	Endovascular Techniques (Percutaneous or Open Exposure) for Arterial Revascularization of the Lower Extremities	
CG-SURG-50	Assistant Surgeons	

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CG-SURG-51	Outpatient Cystourethroscopy	
CG-SURG-52	Site of Care: Hospital-Based Ambulatory Surgical Procedures and Endoscopic Services	
CG-SURG-55	Intracardiac Electrophysiological Studies (EPS) and Catheter Ablation	
CG-SURG-56	Diagnostic Fiberoptic Flexible Laryngoscopy	
CG-SURG-57	Diagnostic Nasal Endoscopy	
CG-SURG-58	Radioactive Seed Localization of Nonpalpable Breast Lesions	
CG-SURG-59	Vena Cava Filters	
CG-SURG-61	Cryosurgical or Radiofrequency Ablation to Treat Solid Tumors Outside the Liver	
CG-SURG-63	Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy with or without an Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator for the Treatment of Heart Failure	
CG-SURG-72	Endothelial Keratoplasty	
CG-SURG-73	Balloon Sinus Ostial Dilation	
CG-SURG-75	Transanal Endoscopic Microsurgical (TEM) Excision of Rectal Lesions	
CG-SURG-76	Carotid, Vertebral and Intracranial Artery Stent Placement with or without Angioplasty	
CG-SURG-77	Refractive Surgery	
CG-SURG-78	Locoregional and Surgical Techniques for Treating Primary and Metastatic Liver Malignancies	
CG-SURG-79	Implantable Infusion Pumps	
CG-SURG-81	Cochlear Implants and Auditory Brainstem Implants	
CG-SURG-82	Bone-Anchored and Bone Conduction Hearing Aids	
CG-SURG-84	Mandibular/Maxillary (Orthognathic) Surgery	
CG-SURG-85	Hip Resurfacing	
CG-SURG-86	Endovascular/Endoluminal Repair of Aortic Aneurysms, Aortoiliac Disease, Aortic Dissection and Aortic Transection	

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CG-SURG-87	Nasal Surgery for the Treatment of Obstructive Sleep Apnea and Snoring	
CG-SURG-88	Mastectomy for Gynecomastia	
CG-SURG-89	Radiofrequency Neurolysis and Pulsed Radiofrequency Therapy for Trigeminal Neuralgia	
CG-SURG-90	Mohs Micrographic Surgery	
CG-SURG-91	Minimally Invasive Ablative Procedures for Epilepsy	
CG-SURG-92	Paraesophageal Hernia Repair	
CG-SURG-93	Angiographic Evaluation and Endovascular Intervention for Dialysis Access Circuit Dysfunction	
CG-SURG-94	Keratoprosthesis	
CG-SURG-96	Intraocular Telescope	
CG-SURG-97	Cardioverter Defibrillators	
CG-SURG-98	Prostate Biopsy using MRI Fusion Techniques	
CG-SURG-99	Panniculectomy and Abdominoplasty	
CG-SURG-100	Laser Trabeculoplasty and Laser Peripheral Iridotomy	
CG-SURG-101	Ablative Techniques as a Treatment for Barrett's Esophagus	
CG-SURG-102	Alcohol Septal Ablation for Treatment of Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy	
CG-SURG-103	Male Circumcision	
CG-SURG-104	Intraoperative Neurophysiological Monitoring	
CG-SURG-105	Corneal Collagen Cross-Linking	
CG-SURG-106	Venous Angioplasty with or without Stent Placement or Venous Stenting Alone	
CG-SURG-107	Surgical and Minimally Invasive Treatments for Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia (BPH)	
CG-SURG-108	Stereotactic Radiofrequency Pallidotomy	
CG-THER-RAD-07	Intravascular Brachytherapy (Coronary and Non-Coronary)	
CG-TRANS-02	Kidney Transplantation	

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CG-TRANS-03	Donor Lymphocyte Infusion for Hematologic Malignancies after Allogeneic Hematopoietic Progenitor Cell Transplantation	