

## *Clinical Utilization Management Guidelines*

Attached is a list of the *Clinical Utilization Management (UM) Guidelines* Wellpoint has adopted.

The full list of *Medical Policies* and *Clinical 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 abuse 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.0004*.

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 *Clinical Utilization Management Guidelines (CUMG)* indicated as new below were adopted by the Medical Operations Committee for Wellpoint members on March 28, 2024.

To view a guideline, visit [Medical Policies and Clinical Guidelines | Wellpoint Washington, Inc.](#)

CUMG number	CUMG 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-03	<i>Acupuncture</i>	
CG-ANC-04	<i>Ambulance Services: Air and Water</i>	
CG-ANC-05	<i>Ambulance Services: Ground; Emergent</i>	
CG-ANC-06	<i>Ambulance Services: Ground; Nonemergent</i>	
CG-ANC-07	<i>Inpatient Interfacility Transfers</i>	
CG-ANC-08	<i>Mobile Device-Based Health Management Applications</i>	
CG-BEH-14	<i>Intensive In-Home Behavioral Health Services</i>	
CG-BEH-15	<i>Activity Therapy for Autism Spectrum Disorders and Rett Syndrome</i>	
CG-DME-03	<i>Neuromuscular Stimulation in the Treatment of Muscle Atrophy</i>	
CG-DME-04	<i>Electrical Nerve Stimulation, Transcutaneous, Percutaneous</i>	
CG-DME-05	<i>Cervical Traction Devices for Home Use</i>	
CG-DME-06	<i>Compression Devices for Lymphedema</i>	
CG-DME-07	<i>Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) Devices with Digitized or Synthesized Speech Output</i>	
CG-DME-08	<i>Infant Home Apnea Monitors</i>	
CG-DME-09	<i>Continuous Local Delivery of Analgesia to Operative Sites using an Elastomeric Infusion Pump During the Postoperative Period</i>	
CG-DME-10	<i>Durable Medical Equipment</i>	
CG-DME-12	<i>Home Phototherapy Devices for Neonatal Hyperbilirubinemia</i>	
CG-DME-13	<i>Lower Limb Prosthesis</i>	

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Wellpoint Washington, Inc. profoundly acknowledges and respects the inherent sovereignty of the federally recognized tribes in Washington state. In our efforts to promote high-quality healthcare, we honor the tribal right of self-governance, holding in deep esteem the government-to-government relationship existing between the state and the tribes, a bond reiterated by the *Centennial Accord* and established by RCW 43.376. We heartily commit to enhancing our coordination, collaboration, and communication with tribal health programs and providers. Our activities are driven by an intent of respect, understanding, and recognition of the deeply rooted traditions and values of the tribal communities.

<i>CUMG</i> number	<i>CUMG</i> title	New item
CG-DME-15	Hospital Beds and Accessories	
CG-DME-16	Pressure Reducing Support Systems Groups 1, 2 and 3	
CG-DME-18	Home Oxygen Therapy	
CG-DME-19	Therapeutic Shoes, Inserts or Modifications for Individuals with Diabetes	
CG-DME-20	Orthopedic Footwear	
CG-DME-21	External Infusion Pumps for the Administration of Drugs in the Home or Residential Care Settings	
CG-DME-22	Ankle-Foot & Knee-Ankle-Foot Orthoses	
CG-DME-23	Lifting Devices for Use in the Home	
CG-DME-24	Wheeled Mobility Devices: Manual Wheelchairs — Standard, Heavy Duty and Lightweight	
CG-DME-25	Seat Lift Mechanisms	
CG-DME-26	Back-Up Ventilators in the Home Setting	
CG-DME-30	Prothrombin Time Self-Monitoring Devices	
CG-DME-31	Powered Wheeled Mobility Devices	
CG-DME-33	Wheeled Mobility Devices: Manual Wheelchairs — Ultra Lightweight	
CG-DME-34	Wheeled Mobility Devices: Wheelchair Accessories	
CG-DME-35	Electric Breast Pumps	
CG-DME-36	Pediatric Gait Trainers	
CG-DME-37	Air Conduction Hearing Aids	
CG-DME-39	Dynamic Low-Load Prolonged-Duration Stretch Devices	
CG-DME-40	Noninvasive Electrical Bone Growth Stimulation of the Appendicular Skeleton	
CG-DME-41	Ultraviolet Light Therapy Delivery Devices for Home Use	
CG-DME-42	Continuous Glucose Monitoring Devices	
CG-DME-43	High Frequency Chest Compression Devices for Airway Clearance	
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-DME-47	Noninvasive Home Ventilator Therapy for Respiratory Failure	
CG-DME-48	Vacuum Assisted Wound Therapy in the Outpatient Setting	
CG-DME-49	Standing Frames	
CG-DME-50	Automated Insulin Delivery Systems	
CG-DME-51	External Insulin Pumps	
CG-DME-52	Continuous Passive Motion Devices in the Home Setting	
CG-DME-53	Biomechanical Footwear Therapy	New
CG-LAB-03	Tropism Testing for HIV Management	

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CG-LAB-09	<i>Drug Testing or Screening in the Context of Substance Use Disorder and Chronic Pain</i>	
CG-LAB-10	<i>Zika Virus Testing</i>	
CG-LAB-11	<i>Screening for Vitamin D Deficiency in Average Risk Individuals</i>	
CG-LAB-12	<i>Testing for Oral and Esophageal Cancer</i>	
CG-LAB-13	<i>Skin Nerve Fiber Density Testing</i>	
CG-LAB-14	<i>Respiratory Viral Panel Testing in the Outpatient Setting</i>	
CG-LAB-15	<i>Red Blood Cell Folic Acid Testing</i>	
CG-LAB-16	<i>Serum Amylase Testing</i>	
CG-LAB-17	<i>Molecular Gastrointestinal Pathogen Panel (GIPP) Testing for Infectious Diarrhea in the Outpatient Setting</i>	
CG-LAB-19	<i>Laboratory Evaluation of Vitamin B12</i>	
CG-LAB-20	<i>Thyroid Testing</i>	
CG-LAB-21	<i>Serum Iron Testing</i>	
CG-LAB-22	<i>Nucleic Acid Amplification Tests Using Algorithmic Analysis for the Diagnosis of Bacterial Vaginosis</i>	
CG-LAB-24	<i>Outpatient Urine Culture</i>	
CG-LAB-25	<i>Outpatient Glycated Hemoglobin and Protein Testing</i>	
CG-LAB-26	<i>Outpatient Alpha-Fetoprotein Testing</i>	
CG-LAB-27	<i>Human Chorionic Gonadotropin Testing</i>	
CG-LAB-28	<i>Prostate Specific Antigen Testing</i>	
CG-LAB-29	<i>Gamma Glutamyl Transferase Testing</i>	
CG-LAB-30	<i>Outpatient Laboratory-based Blood Glucose Testing</i>	
CG-LAB-32	<i>Cancer Antigen 125 Testing</i>	New
CG-MED-02	<i>Esophageal pH Monitoring</i>	
CG-MED-05	<i>Ketogenic Diet for Treatment of Intractable Seizures</i>	
CG-MED-08	<i>Home Enteral Nutrition</i>	
CG-MED-19	<i>Custodial Care</i>	
CG-MED-21	<i>Anesthesia Services and Moderate ("Conscious") Sedation</i>	
CG-MED-23	<i>Home Health</i>	
CG-MED-24	<i>Electromyography and Nerve Conduction Studies</i>	
CG-MED-26	<i>Neonatal Levels of Care</i>	
CG-MED-28	<i>Iontophoresis</i>	
CG-MED-34	<i>Monitored Anesthesia Care for Gastrointestinal Endoscopic Procedures</i>	
CG-MED-35	<i>Retinal Telescreening Systems</i>	
CG-MED-37	<i>Intensive Programs for Pediatric Feeding Disorders</i>	
CG-MED-39	<i>Bone Mineral Density Testing Measurement</i>	
CG-MED-40	<i>External Ambulatory Cardiac Monitors</i>	
CG-MED-41	<i>Moderate to Deep Anesthesia Services for Dental Surgery in the Facility Setting</i>	
CG-MED-42	<i>Maternity Ultrasound in the Outpatient Setting</i>	

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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-53	Cervical Cancer Screening Using Cytology and Human Papillomavirus Testing	
CG-MED-54	Strapping	
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-64	Transcatheter Ablation of Arrhythmogenic Foci in the Pulmonary Veins	
CG-MED-65	Manipulation Under Anesthesia	
CG-MED-66	Cryopreservation of Oocytes or Ovarian Tissue	
CG-MED-68	Therapeutic Apheresis	
CG-MED-69	Inhaled Nitric Oxide	
CG-MED-70	Wireless Capsule Endoscopy for Gastrointestinal Imagine and the Patency Capsule	
CG-MED-71	Chronic Wound Care in the Home or Outpatient Setting	
CG-MED-73	Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (Systemic/Topical)	
CG-MED-74	Implantable Ambulatory Event Monitors and Mobile Cardiac Telemetry	
CG-MED-76	Magnetic Source Imaging and Magnetoencephalography	
CG-MED-78	Anesthesia Services for Interventional Pain Management Procedures	
CG-MED-79	Diaphragmatic/Phrenic Nerve Stimulation and Diaphragm Pacing Systems	
CG-MED-81	High Intensity Focused Ultrasound (HIFU) for Oncologic Indications	
CG-MED-83	Site of Care: Specialty Pharmaceuticals	
CG-MED-84	Non-Obstetric Gynecologic Duplex Ultrasonography of the Abdomen and Pelvis in the Outpatient Setting	
CG-MED-85	Posterior Segment Optical Coherence Tomography	

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CG-MED-86	Enhanced External Counterpulsation in the Outpatient Setting	
CG-MED-88	Preimplantation Embryo Biopsy	
CG-MED-89	Home Parenteral Nutrition	
CG-MED-90	Chelation Therapy	
CG-MED-91	Remote Therapeutic and Physiologic Monitoring Services	
CG-MED-92	Foot Care Services	
CG-MED-93	Navigational Bronchoscopy	
CG-MED-94	Vestibular Function Testing	
CG-MED-95	Transanal Irrigation	
CG-MED-96	Prefabricated External Infant Ear Molding Systems	New
CG-OR-PR-02	Prefabricated and Prophylactic Knee Braces	
CG-OR-PR-03	Custom-made Knee Braces	
CG-OR-PR-04	Cranial Remodeling Bands and Helmets (Cranial Orthotics)	
CG-OR-PR-05	Myoelectric Upper Extremity Prosthesis Devices	
CG-OR-PR-06	Spinal Orthoses: Thoracic-Lumber-Sacral (TLSO), Lumbar-Sacral (LSO), and Lumber	
CG-OR-PR-08	Microprocessor Controlled Lower Limb Prosthesis	
CG-OR-PR-09	Microprocessor Controlled Knee-Ankle-Foot Orthosis	
CG-REHAB-02	Outpatient Cardiac Rehabilitation	
CG-REHAB-03	Pulmonary Rehabilitation	
CG-REHAB-07	Skilled Nursing and Skilled Rehabilitation Services (Outpatient)	
CG-REHAB-08	Private Duty Nursing in the Home Setting	
CG-REHAB-12	Rehabilitative and Habilitative Services in the Home Setting: Physical Medicine/Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Speech-Language Pathology	
CG-SURG-01	Colonoscopy	
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-10	Ambulatory or Outpatient Surgery Center Procedures	
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	

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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-50	Assistant Surgeons	
CG-SURG-51	Outpatient Cystourethroscopy	
CG-SURG-55	Cardiac 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-61	Cryosurgical or Radiofrequency Ablation to Treat Solid Tumors Outside the Liver	
CG-SURG-70	Gastric Electrical Stimulation	
CG-SURG-71	Reduction Mammoplasty	
CG-SURG-72	Endothelial Keratoplasty	
CG-SURG-73	Balloon Sinus Ostial Dilatation	
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-83	Bariatric Surgery and Other Treatments for Clinically Severe Obesity	
CG-SURG-84	Mandibular/Maxillary (Orthognathic) Surgery	
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	

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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-95	Sacral Nerve Stimulation and Percutaneous Tibial Nerve Stimulation for Urinary and Fecal Incontinence; Urinary Retention	
CG-SURG-96	Intraocular Telescope	
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	Penile 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-108	Stereotactic Radiofrequency Pallidotomy	
CG-SURG-111	Open Sacroiliac Joint Fusion	
CG-SURG-112	Carpal Tunnel Decompression Surgery	
CG-SURG-113	Tonsillectomy with or without Adenoidectomy for Adults	
CG-SURG-114	Ophthalmic use of Nd: YAG Laser for Posterior Capsulotomy	
CG-SURG-115	Mechanical Embolectomy for Treatment of Stroke	
CG-SURG-116	Surgical Treatment of Hyperhidrosis	
CG-SURG-117	Balloon Dilation of the Eustachian Tubes	
CG-SURG-118	Intraocular Anterior Segment Aqueous Drainage Devices (without extraocular reservoir)	New
CG-SURG-119	Treatment of Varicose Veins (Lower Extremities)	New
CG-SURG-120	Vagus Nerve Stimulation	New
CG-SURG-121	Fetal Surgery for Prenatally Diagnosed Malformations	New
CG-THER-RAD-07	Intravascular Brachytherapy (Coronary and Non-Coronary)	
CG-TRANS-02	Kidney Transplantation	
CG-TRANS-03	Donor Lymphocyte Infusion for Hematologic Malignancies after Allogeneic Hematopoietic Progenitor Cell Transplantation	