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RE: Anthem customizations to MCG care guidelines 23rd edition

Dear Provider:

Effective November 1, 2019, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield (Anthem) will implement the following MCG care guideline 23rd edition customizations for Chemotherapy, Inpatient & Surgical Care (W0162) for adult patients. This customization provides specific criteria and guidance on the following:

- Revised Clinical Indications for admission and added examples for:
 - Aggressive hydration needs that cannot be managed in an infusion center
 - Prolonged marrow suppression
- Added Regimens that cannot be managed as an outpatient with examples

To view the summary of MCG 23RD edition customizations, go to this url:

https://www.anthem.com/wps/portal/ahpculdesac?content_path=medicalpolicies/noapplication/f1/s0/t0/pw_034471.htm&na=onlinepolicies&label=Overview.

For questions, please contact the provider service number on the back of the member's ID card.

Sincerely,



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