



March 1, 2020

RE: Clinical guideline update effective June 1, 2020 -- CG-SURG-92 / Paraesophageal Hernia Repair

Dear Provider:

Effective with dates of service on or after June 1, 2020, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield (Anthem) will require Precertification review for the following new Anthem Clinical Guideline:

CG-SURG-92	Paraesophageal Hernia Repair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PEH repair is considered Medically necessary (MN) for symptomatic individuals when criteria are met • PEH repair during operation for Roux-en-Y gastric bypass, sleeve gastrectomy, or the placement of an adjustable gastric band is considered MN when criteria are met • Recurrent PEH repair is considered MN when criteria are met • PEH repair is considered not Medically necessary (NMN) when criteria are not met and for all other indications 	Existing codes 43280, 43281, 43282, 43283, 43325, 43327, 43328, 43330, 43331, 43332, 43333, 43334, 43335, 43336, 43337, 43338, 0BQT0ZZ, 0BQT3ZZ, 0BQT4ZZ, and 0BUT0JZ will be reviewed for MN criteria
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Anthem’s Medical Policies and Clinical UM Guidelines are available online:

The complete list of our Medical Policies and Clinical UM Guidelines may be accessed on Anthem’s Web site at anthem.com, and select **Providers**. Under the *Provider Resources* heading, select **Policies and Guidelines**. Select **Colorado** as Your State. Select **View Medical Policies & UM Guidelines**. Select the link titled “[Medical Policies and Clinical UM Guidelines \(for Local Plan Members\)](#)”. Click **Continue**, then select the either the [Medical Policies](#) or the [UM Guidelines](#) tab.

To view the list of specific clinical UM guidelines adopted by Colorado, navigate to the Disclaimer page by following the instructions above; scroll to the bottom of the page. Above the “Continue” button, click on the link titled “[Specific Clinical UM Guidelines adopted by Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Colorado.](#)”

We value and appreciate you as our partner in providing quality care, and appreciate your continued participation in our network.

Sincerely,

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