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TO: All Medicaid Providers

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RE: CLARIFICATION OF PAYMENT FOR GENETIC TESTING

Please share this information with your clinical and clerical staff

Nebraska Medicaid does not require prior authorization for genetic testing. All claims are subject to pre- and post-payment review. If a provider would like a pre-determination for payment for genetic testing, the following shall be submitted: client name; date of birth; Medicaid ID #; medical history, documenting reason(s) for the testing and review of any previous testing; specific condition for which the testing is being requested; description of impact on medical treatment plan; CPT codes and units of each to be billed; and provider contact information.

For the purposes of pre-determination, there must be documentation substantiating the medical necessity for the genetic testing. Medicaid considers genetic testing medically necessary when the results impact the clinical decision making process for the patient. It must be demonstrated that genetic testing is essential for necessary medical intervention. If genetic testing is for diagnosis only, or for medical management of family members, Medicaid will not approve payment for the service. (See the following: Title 471 Nebraska Administrative Codes 10-004.04, 10-004.05, 10-004.05A, and 18-003.04)

Pre-determinations for genetic testing may be submitted to the attention of Nola Pollmann at: Physical Health Services Unit, Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care, Department of Health and Human Services, P.O. Box 95026, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-5026 or faxed to the attention of Nola Pollmann at 402-471-9092. The review will be conducted by our Medical Director.

If you have questions regarding the information in this bulletin, please contact Nola Pollmann at nola.pollmann@nebraska.gov or 402-471-9342.