



To: All Prestige Health Choice Providers

From: Prestige Chief Medical Officer

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Subject: Prestige clinical policies are available online.

Prestige Health Choice (Prestige) is dedicated to providing the most comprehensive, outcomes-driven health solutions for our members. Part of this approach means making it a priority to reduce unnecessary variations in care. We've used the latest scientific evidence and research to create a set of clinical policies, which represent the latest in current professional standards.

Prestige has developed these clinical policies to assist with making coverage determinations. Prestige's clinical policies are based on guidelines from established industry sources, such as the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), state regulatory agencies, the American Medical Association (AMA), medical specialty professional societies, and peer-reviewed professional literature. These clinical policies – along with other sources such as plan benefits and state and federal laws and regulatory requirements, including any state- or plan-specific definition of “medically necessary,” and the specific facts of the particular situation – are considered by Prestige when making coverage determinations. In the event of a conflict between a clinical policy and plan benefits and/or state or federal laws and/or regulatory requirements, the plan benefits and/or state and federal laws and/or regulatory requirements shall control.

While these policies are intended to inform, they are not intended to replace a physician's clinical judgment. The physician remains responsible for determining the applicable treatment for each individual.

The Prestige Health Choice clinical policies are available for reference on the plan's website, www.prestigehealthchoice.com, as of **Friday, May 5**.