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	Purpose:	Keep providers informed on our Clinical Payment, Coding and Policies that we have in place
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Clinical Payment, Coding and Policy Reminders

Dear Providers,

Aetna Better Health of Florida (ABHFL) regularly augment our clinical, payment and coding policy positions as part of our ongoing policy review processes. In an effort to keep our providers informed, please review the below Florida State Medicaid Policies that we have in place.

Florida State Medicaid Policies

Laboratory-Pathology Policy- Gastrointestinal Panels Testing (MMA/FHK)

According to our policy, which is based on CMS Policy, Gastrointestinal Panels testing of 12 or more organisms (87507, 0097U) is only covered in critically ill or immunosuppressed patients. When reported with a primary diagnosis, a required secondary diagnosis indicating a critically ill or immunocompromised patient must be included.

Examples of primary diagnoses:	Examples of secondary diagnoses:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acute abdomen (R10.0) • Cholera (A00.0-A00.9) • Diarrhea (R19.7) • Paralytic ileus (K56.0) • Shigellosis (A03.0-A03.8) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anemia due to antineoplastic chemotherapy (D64.81) • Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) disease (B20) • Sequela of complication of immune effector cellular therapy (T80.82XS) • Severe sepsis with/without septic shock (R65.20-R65.21) • Transplanted organ and tissue status (Z94.81-Z94.84)

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Drug and Biological Policy Processing and Policy Guidelines- National Drug Code (NDC)- (MMA/FHK/LTSS)

Expired NDC Numbers-According to CMS policy, providers are required to report valid National Drug Code (NDC) numbers for the given date of service. Therefore, when an NDC number has been designated as expired it is only allowed to be reported for the “obsolete” period of 30 months (913 days) set in the standard NDC reference sources. Once the expired NDC has surpassed the obsolete time frame it is no longer considered valid and should not be reported.

CMS National Coverage Determinations (NCD) Policy- Acupuncture for Chronic Lower Back Pain (MMA/FHK)

According to CMS policy, acupuncture services (20560-20561, 97810-97814) are only allowed for patients with a diagnosis indicating chronic low back pain. Additionally, according to CMS policy, acupuncture services can only be reported 20 times within a 12-month period.

Note: Acupuncture is an expanded benefit for our adult MMA members (age 21+), for this population there is no frequency limitation and PA is required.

Thank you for your continued participation in the Aetna Better Health of Florida network. As always, please don't hesitate to contact our Provider Services line if you have any questions at:

Phone: MMA: 1-800-441-5501

LTC: 1-844-645-7371

FHK: 1-844-528-5815

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Thank you,

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