

Managed Care Operations Memorandum Technology Assessment Group MCOPS Memo # 01/2021-001

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Subject: Technology Assessment Group (TAG) Coverage Decisions

To: Physical Health HealthChoices Managed Care Organizations (PH-MCOs) – Statewide

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Purpose:

To provide MCOs coverage updates on new technologies as discussed in regular Technology Assessment Group (TAG) meetings.

Background:

The TAG workgroup meets quarterly on the 1st Wednesday of February, May, August and November to discuss issues and evidence-based research pertaining to new technologies and previously reviewed technologies or services that were determined to be covered only through a program exception request. During the TAG meeting, decisions are made as to whether or not certain technologies or services will be covered under the MA Program and the option under which it will be covered. TAG's coverage options are as follows:

- **Option # 1:** Approved - will be added to the Fee Schedule
- **Option # 2:** Approved as Medically Effective under specific clinical condition - will require Program Exception
- **Option # 3:** Approved with (or denied due to) Limited/Minimal Evidence of Effectiveness - will require Program Exception
- **Option # 4:** Denied - Experimental/Investigational

Discussion:

Below are the updated list of services and corresponding procedure codes/descriptions discussed at the February 5, 2020, TAG Meeting and the MA coverage decisions that were made:

HCPCS/CPT Code	Description	Decision
81503	OVA-1 Assay -- Oncology (ovarian), biochemical assays of five proteins (CA-125, apolipoprotein A1, beta-2microglobulin, transferrin, and pre-albumin), utilizing serum, algorithm reported as a risk score	Re-reviewed at this meeting. Option # 4

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Next Steps:

N/A

Obsolete:

N/A

Attachment:

N/A