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Health Plan Coverage of HIV Preexposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) – DMHC APL 25-011

This is an advisory notification to Molina Healthcare of California (MHC) network providers applicable to the Marketplace line of business.

What you need to know:

Dear Providers,

This bulletin provides an overview of the Department of Managed Health Care's (DMHC) All Plan Letter (APL) 25-011, which updates previous guidance and reinforces health plan obligations regarding the coverage of HIV Preexposure Prophylaxis (PrEP).

Key Highlights

- **No Cost-Sharing or Prior Authorization:** Health plans must cover all FDA-approved forms of PrEP—including daily oral PrEP and long-acting injectable PrEP—without prior authorization, step therapy, or cost-sharing for members, except in limited circumstances involving therapeutically equivalent medications.
- **Comprehensive Coverage of Integral Services:** In alignment with U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) and CDC recommendations, health plans must also cover all services integral to initiating and monitoring PrEP without cost-sharing. These services include, but are not limited to:
 - HIV, Hepatitis B & C screening
 - Renal function testing
 - Pregnancy testing
 - STI screening and treatment
 - Adherence and risk-reduction counseling
 - Medication management and follow-up care
- **Coding and Billing:** Providers should use ICD-10 code Z29.81 for PrEP-related encounters and follow CDC guidelines for CPT coding of the above services to prevent inappropriate cost-sharing.
- **Frequency Guidelines:** Plans must follow CDC-recommended frequencies for integral services, which vary based on the form of PrEP (oral vs. injectable) and individual risk factors.

Provider Action

- **Ensure Accurate Coding:** Use the recommended codes to avoid inappropriate charges to patients.
- **Educate Clinical Teams:** Confirm all relevant staff are aware of PrEP coverage requirements and billing practices.
- **Coordinate with Plans:** Reach out to your contracted health plans with any questions regarding PrEP billing or coverage.

For further details, you may review the full DMHC APL 25-011 and CDC PrEP Clinical Guidelines here:

[dmhc.ca.gov/Portals/0/Docs/OPL/APL25-011-HealthPlanCoverageofHIVPreexposureProphylaxis\(PrEP\).pdf?ver=IQSptscH5yOxnVeYTf1pXg%3d%3d](https://dmhc.ca.gov/Portals/0/Docs/OPL/APL25-011-HealthPlanCoverageofHIVPreexposureProphylaxis(PrEP).pdf?ver=IQSptscH5yOxnVeYTf1pXg%3d%3d)

Thank you for your continued commitment to accessible, preventive care and supporting California's HIV prevention efforts.



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