Providence Health Plan Seeks Feedback on Medicare Policies

Starting in **January 2024** PHP/PHA Medical Policy Committee is looking to expand our group of external providers, in particular to those with expertise in the clinical care of elderly or disabled patients, to serve as clinical subject matter experts (SMEs) through the policy development and annual review processes. We encourage provider participation across various clinical specialties who will review and provide feedback on our Medicare Advantage medical policies. Specialties include (but are not limited to) pain management, behavioral health, endocrinology, genetics, orthopedics, neurology, urology, cardiology, oncology and general surgery.

We gladly encourage feedback regarding Medicare policies **ahead** of 2024, but this is not required; however, if you do wish to provide feedback on a Medicare medical policy, please submit your notes to PHPmedicalpolicyinquiry@providence.org along with the related policy title and line of business.

As a reminder, all of Providence Health Plans **Company** medical policies can be found here and **Medicare** medical policies can be found here.

NOTE: For PHP Medicare Advantage Medical Policies, Providence Health Plan neither writes nor maintains coverage policy criteria written or developed by either the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) or coverage criteria by Medicare contractors (MACs), such as Noridian Healthcare Solutions. Therefore, PHP cannot act on feedback related to criteria found in national coverage determinations (NCDs), local coverage determinations (LCDs) or articles (LCAs). We recommend following established processes in place for the reconsideration of NCD, LCD, and LCA criteria or guidance.

- **For NCD criteria reconsiderations:** See the "How to Request an NCD Reconsideration" section of this CMS web page.
- **For LCD criteria reconsiderations:** See these Noridian web pages for the "LCD Reconsideration Process" for Part B services or Part A services.