Medical Policy: BOTULINUM TOXINS

Benefit Type: Medicare

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Policy Statement

In accordance with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), it is the policy of Gold Coast Health Plan Total Care Advantage (HMO D-SNP) to include medically necessary Botulinum Toxins A and B as a covered benefit under Total Care Advantage for all eligible beneficiaries.

Purpose

To provide guidance related to the medical necessity and indications for Botulinum Toxins.

Health Equity Statement

Total Care Advantage is committed to the vision in which all Californians equitably benefit from resources and systems that give everyone the opportunity to achieve their optimal health, resulting in communities that thrive.

Total Care Advantage adopts the American Medical Association (AMA) and the state Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) commitments to whole-person centered, evidence-based and integrated strategies to advance health equity, addressing social and structural drivers of health. Decisions are therefore based on the evidence-based criteria as well as considerations of the member's social and structural drivers of health, and considerations that the decisions create no harm nor exacerbate existing harms.[1, 2]

Indications

Refer to Provider Resources > Medicare Part B Drugs

References

1. American Medical Association (AMA). (2023, December 21). *Ama's Center for Health Equity Mission and Guiding Principles*. Accessed MARCH 29, 2024 from https://www.ama-assn.org/about/ama-center-health-equity/ama-s-center-health-equity-mission-and-guiding-principles
2. Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Comprehensive Quality Strategy. (PDF), published February 4, 2022. Accessed MARCH 20, 2024

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Guidelines provide references identified at the time of review. New guidelines or medical literature may emerge and/or been published. Treating health care professionals are solely responsible for diagnosis, treatment and medical guidance. Total Care Advantage regularly reviews and updates these guidelines to provide the most current information.

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History

CREDENTIALING PEER REVIEW COMMITTEE (C/PRC) GUIDELINE HISTORY			
Adopted By CPRC	**Reapproved**	**Revised**	**Retired**
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