



## UTILIZATION MANAGEMENT GUIDELINE

As required by the state Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), Gold Coast Health Plan (GCHP) has developed a Evidence-Based Medical Necessity Criteria resource guide. GCHP will utilize criteria sets in the DHCS Provider Manual as its primary clinical decision making resource. When the DHCS Provider Manual does not have medical necessity criteria for a requested service, treatment, or device, GCHP will use MCG as a secondary clinical decision making resource.

When MCG does not have a guideline that addresses a requested service, GCHP will then utilize UpToDate as a third resource. UpToDate is a web-based clinical decision support resource, which uses physician authors, editors, and peer reviewers to perform comprehensive literature reviews and formulate evidence-based treatment recommendations.

When the DHCS Provider Manual, MCG, and UpToDate do not provide guidelines that address a requested service, GCHP will utilize resources described in GCHP's Decision-Making Resources Guideline.

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