

## DECISION-MAKING RESOURCES GUIDELINE

Gold Coast Health Plan (GCHP) reviews services to members in order to determine whether the services are medically necessary, not medically necessary, or investigational / experimental and not medically necessary. In making these decisions, GCHP determines whether such services are in accordance with evidence-based medical practice. Decision-making may take into account credible scientific evidence published in peer-reviewed medical literature generally recognized by the relevant medical community, physician specialty society recommendations, and the views of physicians practicing in relevant clinical areas who offer peer-reviewed assessments (such as through AMR), and other relevant factors as they relate to the member's clinical circumstances.

This document provides a list of resources available to GCHP's medical reviewers to use in situations where the company does not have a guideline that addresses the specific service or product for which benefits are requested. If a relevant guideline is available, it is to be used as the basis for decision-making, and this process is not to be followed.

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) – Clinical Information  
<http://www.ahrq.gov/clinic/>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)  
<http://www.cdc.gov>

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)  
<https://www.cms.gov/>

National Comprehensive Cancer Network  
<http://www.nccn.org>

National Library of Medicine – PubMed  
<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/entrez>

UpToDate  
<http://www.uptodate.com>

U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)  
<http://www.fda.gov>

### SPECIALTY SOCIETIES:

- **Allergy and Immunology**  
American Academy of Asthma, Allergy and Immunology (AAAAI) <http://www.aaaai.org>
- **Anesthesiology**  
American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) <http://www.asahq.org>
- **Colon and Rectal Surgery**  
American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons (ASCRS) <http://www.fascrs.org>
- **Dermatology**  
American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) <http://www.aad.org>
- **Emergency Medicine**  
American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) <http://www.acep.org>
- **Family Medicine**  
American Academy of Family Practice (AAFP) <http://www.aafp.org>



- **Internal Medicine**  
American College of Physicians (ACP) <http://www.acponline.org>
- **Medical Genetics**  
American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ACMG) <http://www.acmg.net>
- **Neurological Surgery**  
American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) <http://www.aans.org>
- **Nuclear Medicine**  
American College of Nuclear Medicine (ACNM) <https://acnmonline.org/>
- **Obstetrics and Gynecology**  
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) <http://www.acog.org>
- **Ophthalmology**  
American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) <http://www.aao.org>
- **Orthopedic Surgery**  
American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) <http://www.aaos.org>
- **Otolaryngology**  
American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery (AAO-HNS) <http://www.entnet.org>
- **Pathology**  
College of American Pathologists (CAP) <http://www.cap.org>  
American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) <http://www.ascp.org>
- **Pediatrics**  
American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) <http://www.aap.org>
- **Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation**  
American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (AAPM&R) <http://www.aapmr.org>
- **Plastic Surgery**  
American Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS) <https://www.plasticsurgery.org>
- **Preventive Medicine**  
American College of Preventive Medicine (ACPM) <http://www.acpm.org>  
American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM) <http://www.acoem.org>
- **Psychiatry and Neurology**  
American Psychiatric Association <http://www.psych.org>  
American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP) <http://www.aacap.org>  
American Academy of Neurology (AAN) <http://www.aan.com>  
Child Neurology Society (CNS) <http://www.childneurologysociety.org>
- **Radiology**  
American College of Radiology (ACR) <http://www.acr.org>  
American Society for Therapeutic Radiation and Oncology (ASTRO) <http://www.astro.org>



- **Surgery and Vascular Surgery**  
American College of Surgeons (ACS) <http://www.facs.org>
- **Thoracic Surgery**  
Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS) <http://www.sts.org>
- **Urology**  
American Urological Association (AUA) <http://www.auanet.org>

#### SUBSPECIALTY SOCIETIES

- **Cardiology**  
American College of Cardiology (ACC) <http://www.acc.org>
- **Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology**  
Heart Rhythm Society (HRS) <http://www.HRSONline.org>
- **Critical Care Medicine**  
Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) <http://www.sccm.org>
- **Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism**  
American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists (AACE) <http://www.aace.com>  
Endocrine Society <http://www.endocrine.org>
- **Gastroenterology**  
American Gastroenterological Association (AGA) <http://www.gastro.org>  
American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) <https://gi.org/guidelines/>
- **Geriatric Medicine**  
American Geriatrics Society (AGS) <http://www.americangeriatrics.org>
- **Geriatric Psychiatry**  
American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry (AAGP) <http://www.aagponline.org>
- **Gynecologic Oncology**  
Society of Gynecologic Oncology (SGO) <http://www.sgo.org>
- **Hematology**  
American Society of Hematology (ASH) <http://www.hematology.org>
- **Hospice and Palliative Medicine**  
American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM) <http://www.aahpm.org>
- **Infectious Disease**  
Infectious Disease Society of America (IDSA) <http://www.idsociety.org>
- **Medical Toxicology**  
American College of Medical Toxicology <http://www.acmt.net>
- **Nephrology**  
American Society of Nephrology (ASN) <http://www.asn-online.org>



- **Neuroradiology**  
American Society of Neuroradiology (ASNR) <http://www.asnr.org>
- **Oncology**  
American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) <http://www.asco.org>
- **Pain Medicine**  
American Academy of Pain Medicine <https://painmed.org/clinician-resources/clinical-guidelines>
- **Pulmonary Disease**  
American College of Chest Physicians (ACCP) <http://www.chestnet.org>
- **Reproductive Endocrinology / Infertility**  
American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM) <http://www.asrm.org>
- **Rheumatology**  
American College of Rheumatology (ACR) <http://www.rheumatology.org>
- **Sleep Medicine**  
American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM) <http://www.aasmnet.org>
- **Sports Medicine**  
American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine (AOSSM) <http://www.sportsmed.org>
- **Surgery of the Hand**  
American Society for Surgery of the Hand (ASSH) <http://www.assh.org>
- **Transplant Hepatology**  
American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD) <http://www.aasld.org>  
American Society of Transplant Surgeons (ASTS) <http://www.astst.org>
- **Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine**  
Undersea & Hyperbaric Medical Society (UHMS) <http://www.uhms.org>
- **Vascular and Interventional Radiology**  
Society of Interventional Radiology (SIR) <http://www.sirweb.org>

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