

~~(2) A CARRIER SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO REEVALUATE AREAS OF DISPUTE BETWEEN THE CARRIER AND THE CLINICAL EXPERTS ANNUALLY TO DETERMINE WHETHER SCIENTIFIC ADVANCES WARRANT A CHANGE IN THE CARRIER'S COVERAGE AND PAYMENT POLICY FOR EMERGING MEDICAL AND SURGICAL TREATMENTS.~~

~~(4) (1) EACH CARRIER SHALL FILE ANNUALLY WITH THE COMMISSIONER A DETAILED REPORT ON ALL THE CLINICAL AREAS AND DIAGNOSTIC AND THERAPEUTIC SERVICES EVALUATED THAT WERE PART OF EMERGING MEDICAL AND SURGICAL TREATMENTS, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE CLINICAL EXPERTS IDENTIFIED BY THE CARRIER UNDER SUBSECTION (E)(3) OF THIS SECTION, DURING THE PAST YEAR.~~

~~(2) THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE:~~

~~(1) A SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF EACH CLINICAL ISSUE OR DIAGNOSTIC OR THERAPEUTIC SERVICE THAT WAS EVALUATED;~~

~~(II) FOR EACH DIAGNOSTIC OR THERAPEUTIC SERVICE, A SUMMARY OF THE FINDINGS OF THE CARRIER AND THE CLINICAL EXPERTS FROM THE REVIEW OF PUBLISHED, PEER-REVIEWED MEDICAL LITERATURE, AND~~

~~(III) FOR EACH DIAGNOSTIC OR THERAPEUTIC SERVICE, A SUMMARY OF THE OPINIONS OF THE CLINICAL EXPERTS ON WHETHER THE DIAGNOSTIC OR THERAPEUTIC SERVICE IS CONSIDERED A STANDARD OF CARE FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.~~

(E) EACH CARRIER SHALL ESTABLISH OR SUBSCRIBE OR CONTRACT TO PROVIDE A SYSTEMATIC, SCIENTIFIC PROCESS TO FOLLOW FOR EVALUATING EMERGING MEDICAL AND SURGICAL TREATMENTS TO ENSURE THAT SUBSCRIBERS HAVE ACCESS TO THE LATEST APPROPRIATE TREATMENTS.

(F) THE PROCESS ESTABLISHED OR SUBSCRIBED TO OR CONTRACTED FOR BY A CARRIER UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION SHALL INCLUDE:

(1) A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF MEDICAL LITERATURE AND DATA EVALUATION; AND

(2) INPUT FROM PHYSICIANS AND OTHER RECOGNIZED EXPERTS:

(I) WHO ARE NOT EMPLOYEES OF THE CARRIER; AND

(II) WHO:

1. ARE CURRENTLY TREATING PATIENTS FOR THE DISEASE OR CONDITION BEING EVALUATED;

2. ARE BOARD CERTIFIED IN THE PERTINENT SPECIALTY OR SUBSPECIALTY AREA OF THE DISEASE OR CONDITION BEING EVALUATED;

3. ARE GENERALLY RECOGNIZED BY THEIR PEERS TO BE AUTHORITATIVE RESOURCES IN THE CLINICAL AREA BEING EVALUATED AS EVIDENCED BY: