

A. FACULTY APPOINTMENTS;

B. AUTHORSHIP OF A SIGNIFICANT BODY OF PEER-REVIEWED CLINICAL LITERATURE IN THE PERTINENT SPECIALTY OR SUBSPECIALTY AREA; OR

C. A DEMONSTRATED HISTORY OF LEADERSHIP IN LOCAL, STATE, OR NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND NONPROFIT PATIENT AND COMMUNITY ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS THAT ADDRESS THE DISEASE OR CONDITION AND THE SPECIALTY OR SUBSPECIALTY AREA IN QUESTION; OR

4. HAVE A DEMONSTRATED HISTORY OF SUBSTANTIAL EXPERIENCE AND PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE IN THE SPECIALTY OR SUBSPECIALTY AREA IN QUESTION.

(G) A CARRIER'S DECISION TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR AN EMERGING MEDICAL OR SURGICAL TREATMENT SHALL RESULT FROM THE CONSENSUS OF OPINION FROM ITS OWN ANALYSIS AND THE KNOWLEDGE PROVIDED TO THE CARRIER FROM THE PROCESS IDENTIFIED BY THE CARRIER IN SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION.

(H) EACH CARRIER, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CLINICAL EXPERTS IDENTIFIED BY THE CARRIER UNDER SUBSECTION (F)(2) OF THIS SECTION, SHALL DECIDE THE PATIENT SELECTION CRITERIA FOR AN EMERGING MEDICAL OR SURGICAL TREATMENT FOR WHICH COVERAGE BY THE CARRIER IS TO BE PROVIDED.

(I) EACH CARRIER SHALL PROVIDE A DESCRIPTION OF THE PROCESS IDENTIFIED BY THE CARRIER UNDER SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION TO ENROLLEES AND CONTRACTING PROVIDERS AND ALL OTHER PROVIDERS ON REQUEST.

(J) (1) A CARRIER'S COVERAGE DECISION ON AN EMERGING MEDICAL OR SURGICAL TREATMENT SHALL BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH § 19-1305.2 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE, WHEN BEING APPEALED BY AN ENROLLEE.

(2) A CARRIER MAY REEVALUATE ANNUALLY WHETHER SCIENTIFIC ADVANCES WARRANT A CHANGE IN THE CARRIER'S COVERAGE AND PAYMENT POLICY FOR AN EMERGING MEDICAL OR SURGICAL TREATMENT.

(K) (1) EACH CARRIER SHALL FILE ANNUALLY WITH THE COMMISSIONER A SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF THE CLINICAL ISSUES AND DIAGNOSTIC AND THERAPEUTIC SERVICES THAT WERE EVALUATED AND THE CONCLUSION OF THE EVALUATION, INCLUDING THE OPINIONS OF THE CLINICAL EXPERTS.

(3) (2) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL:

(1) MAKE EACH CARRIER'S ~~REPORT~~ FILING UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC FOR INSPECTION AND REVIEW; AND