



**TO: Physicians, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs), Physician Assistants (PAs), Hospitals, MEDS Providers, Laboratories, Rehabilitation Clinics, Independent Physical Therapists, Independent Occupational Therapists, Home Health Agencies and Access Agencies**  
**RE: Policy Updates and Changes to Clinical Review Criteria**

The purpose of this bulletin is to notify enrolled Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (CMAP) providers of upcoming policy changes to clinical review criteria for certain medical services and items.

**The following new policies and policy updates are effective January 1, 2026:**

New:

- Habilitative Therapy Services (Note: Refer to [PB 2025-86](#) Changes to Prior Authorization of Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapies for Individuals Whose Primary Diagnosis is Intellectual Disability, Developmental Delay, Autism or Other Developmental Disorder)

Updates:

- Casgevy® - Gene Therapy for Sickle Cell Disease (SCD)
- Lyfgenia™ (SCD gene therapy)

**The following new policies and policy updates are effective February 1, 2026:**

New:

- Temporarily Implanted Nitinol Device (iTind)
- Double Balloon Enteroscopy (DBE)
- Electronic Spirometry for Home Use
- Transurethral Ablation of Prostate Tissue
- Non-Pneumatic Compression Devices (NPCDS) and Garments
- Ryoncil® (remestemcel-L-rknd)

Updates:

- Orthosis for Correction of Pectus Excavatum
- Home Use of Suit Therapy Devices
- Botulinum Toxins for the Treatment of Select Indications
- Non-invasive Pulse Oximeter
- Surgical Procedures: Infertility Evaluation and Diagnosis
- Miscellaneous Codes and Medical Supplies
- Homemaker-Home Health Aide Medication Administration Services
- Implantation of a Hydrogel Spacer During Radiotherapy for Prostate Cancer (formerly SpaceOAR)
- Functional Electrical Stimulation for Home Use
- Spinal Orthoses
- Luxturna® (voretigene neparvovec-rzyl)
- Transanal Irrigation (TAI) Systems (formerly Anal Irrigation Systems)
- Body-Powered and Myoelectric Upper Limb Prostheses
- Upper Limb Orthoses and Prostheses (Standard/Non-Myoelectric)
- Skin Substitutes
- LEQEMBI® (lecanemab-irmb)
- KISUNLA™ (donanemab-azbt)
- Lower Limb Orthoses and Prostheses
- Genetic Testing (Note: an updated Genetic Testing Prior Authorization Form will be available on the HUSKY Health website by 02/01/2026)
- Stair Lift System

- MyAirvo 2
- Adaptive Tricycle
- Ambulatory Infusion Pump
- Therapeutic Positioning Equipment

**The following policies will be retired effective February 1, 2026:**

Retired:

- External Lower Extremity Nerve Stimulator
- Synagis® (Palivizumab) – Effective 01/01/2026, the production of Synagis is being discontinued

**NOTE: The Criteria are used as guidelines only.** Should the criteria ever conflict with the DSS definition of Medical Necessity, the definition of Medical Necessity shall prevail.

Policies are available on the HUSKY Health Web site at: <https://portal.ct.gov/husky>. To access the policies, click on *Information for Providers* followed by *Policies, Procedures and Guidelines* under the *Medical Management* menu item.

**Prior Authorization Submission Process:**

For questions regarding the prior authorization process, please contact CHNCT at 1-800-440-5071, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.