

## **New and Updated Payment Policies**

### **Neighborhood News – October 2023**

Maintaining current and accurate payment policies is a priority for Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island (Neighborhood). Our providers rely on these policies to inform their business decisions with Neighborhood.

**Please see the following list of recent payment policy activity:**

#### **Clinical Trials Payment Policy**

**Action:** Reviewed and revised September 5, 2023

**Summary of Changes:**

- Annual policy review. Updated requirements for clinical trial numbers.

**Impacted line(s) of business:** All lines of business

#### **Diabetes Prevention Program Payment Policy**

**Action:** Reviewed and revised September 5, 2023

**Summary of Changes:**

- Annual policy review. No content changes.

**Impacted line(s) of business:** INTEGRITY

#### **Extended Family Planning Payment Policy**

**Action:** Reviewed and revised May 9, 2023

**Summary of Changes:**

- Annual policy review. Removed deleted CPT 58293.

**Impacted line(s) of business:** Medicaid

#### **Inpatient Hospital Payment Policy**

**Action:** New policy; Created August 1, 2023

**Summary of Changes:**

- Newly created policy for documentation of coverage and reimbursement requirements for inpatient hospital services.

**Impacted line(s) of business:** All lines of business

### Modifier Payment Policy

**Action:** Reviewed and revised September 5, 2023

**Summary of Changes:**

- Added anesthesia and locum tenen modifiers.
- Updated policy statement to reflect professional claims.
- Updated assistant surgeon documentation requirements.

**Impacted line(s) of business:** All lines of business

### Non-Covered Services Payment Policy

**Action:** Reviewed and revised September 5, 2023

**Summary of Changes:**

- Added services to additional coverage exclusions for all lines of business.
- Removed abortion services exclusion for all lines of business.
- Removed vitiligo from INTEGRITY.

**Impacted line(s) of business:** All

### Oral Surgery Payment Policy

**Action:** Reviewed and revised September 5, 2023

**Summary of Changes:**

- Annual policy review. No content changes.

**Impacted line(s) of business:** Medicaid, INTEGRITY

### Physical and Occupational Rehabilitation Services Payment Policy

**Action:** Reviewed and revised October 1, 2023

**Summary of Changes:**

- Update language for INTEGRITY line of business. No longer limited to 24 visits per benefit/calendar year. Prior authorization is required for anything over 24 visits per benefit/calendar year (per discipline).

**Impacted line(s) of business:** INTEGRITY

### Physician Services Payment Policy

**Action:** Reviewed and revised September 5, 2023

**Summary of Changes:**

- Added language for midlevel reimbursement
- Updated observation/inpatient requirements
- Added CPTs 99417 and 99418 to coding grid

**Impacted line(s) of business:** All

### Skilled Nursing Facility Payment Policy

**Action:** Reviewed and revised September 5, 2023

**Summary of Changes:**

- Annual policy review.
- Added skilled therapy services language for INTEGRITY.
- Added Medicaid exclusion.

**Impacted line(s) of business:** All

### Speech Therapy Services Payment Policy

**Action:** Reviewed and revised October 1, 2023

**Summary of Changes:**

- Update language for INTEGRITY line of business. No longer limited to 24 visits per benefit/calendar year. Prior authorization is required for anything over 24 visits per benefit/calendar year (per discipline).

**Impacted line(s) of business:** INTEGRITY

### Vision Services Payment Policy

**Action:** Reviewed and revised September 5, 2023

**Summary of Changes:**

- Annual policy review. Language added to clarify lens limits for Medicaid adults.

**Impacted line(s) of business:** All