



Policy Changes

Effective March 15, 2018

A new policy related to **Testosterone Pellets** will be implemented on March 15, 2018 for MedStar Select and Medicare Choice. Testosterone Pellets are considered medically necessary for males when androgens are indicated for replacement therapy in conditions associated with a deficiency or absence of endogenous testosterone. For additional information, the policy can be located on MedStarProviderNetwork.org under the section titled "Medical Polices Requiring Prior Authorization."

A new policy related to **Supervised Exercise Therapy (SET) for Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD)** will be implemented on March 15, 2018 for MedStar Medicare Choice. SET for PAD is medically necessary for members with intermitted claudication (IC) for the treatment of symptomatic PAD. Up to 36 sessions over a 12 week period may be covered. Please refer to the policy located on MedStarProviderNetwork.org under the section titled "Medical Payment Policies" for more information.

A new policy related to **Penile Implants** will be implemented on March 15, 2018 for MedStar Select and Medicare Choice. The implantation of a penile prosthesis is medically necessary when a member has a documented medical condition directly contributing to erectile dysfunction and those have failed medical therapy. All other indications are considered to be experimental and investigational. For additional information, the policy can be located on MedStarProviderNetwork.org under the section titled "Medical Polices Requiring Prior Authorization."

For questions or concerns regarding the new policies, please contact the Medical Management /Prior Authorization Department at 1-800-242-4875.