I. Policy: Gene Expression Profiling for Breast Cancer Treatment

II. Purpose/Objective:
To provide a policy of coverage regarding Gene Expression Profiling for Breast Cancer Treatment

III. Responsibility:
A. Medical Directors
B. Medical Management

IV. Required Definitions
1. Attachment – a supporting document that is developed and maintained by the policy writer or department requiring/authoring the policy.
2. Exhibit – a supporting document developed and maintained in a department other than the department requiring/authoring the policy.
3. Devised – the date the policy was implemented.
4. Revised – the date of every revision to the policy, including typographical and grammatical changes.
5. Reviewed – the date documenting the annual review if the policy has no revisions necessary.

V. Additional Definitions
Medical Necessity or Medically Necessary means Covered Services rendered by a Health Care Provider that the Plan determines are:

a. appropriate for the symptoms and diagnosis or treatment of the Member's condition, illness, disease or injury;
b. provided for the diagnosis, and the direct care and treatment of the Member’s condition, illness disease or injury;
c. in accordance with current standards of good medical treatment practiced by the general medical community.
d. not primarily for the convenience of the Member, or the Member’s Health Care Provider; and
e. the most appropriate source or level of service that can safely be provided to the Member. When applied to hospitalization, this further means that the Member requires acute care as an inpatient due to the nature of the services rendered or the Member's condition, and the Member cannot receive safe or adequate care as an outpatient.

Medicaid Business Segment
Medical Necessity shall mean a service or benefit that is compensable under the Medical Assistance Program and if it meets any one of the following standards:

(i) The service or benefit will, or is reasonably expected to, prevent the onset of an illness, condition or disability.
(ii) The service or benefit will, or is reasonably expected to, reduce or ameliorate the physical, mental or development effects of an illness, condition, injury or disability.
(iii) The service or benefit will assist the Member to achieve or maintain maximum functional
capacity in performing daily activities, taking into account both the functional capacity of the Member and those functional capacities that are appropriate for members of the same age.

DESCRIPTION:
Conventionally, the prognosis of breast cancer patients is determined by age, tumor size, histology, status of axillary lymph nodes, histologic type and hormone receptor status. More recently, investigation has focused on examining the gene expression in tumor tissue as a prognostic factor to predict a patient’s chance of recurrence. Examples of this type of testing include Oncotype Dx®, Prosigna® Breast Cancer Assay, MammaPrint®, and a 76-gene signature.

CRITERIA FOR COVERAGE: Requires Prior Medical Director or designee Authorization

Oncotype DX™ Breast Assay:
The Plan considers Oncotype DX™ Breast Cancer Assay gene expression profiling for breast cancer treatment as medically necessary to assess the need for adjuvant chemotherapy in newly diagnosed breast cancer when ALL of the following are met:
- A clinical diagnosis of Stage I or Stage II is made; and
- The tumor is estrogen receptor (ER) and/or progesterone receptor (PR) positive; and
- HER2 receptor status is
  - negative and 0.5cm or greater
  - or positive and the tumor less than 1 cm in diameter;
- The member is node negative, or staged at pN1mi (micrometastasis of 0.2-2.0mm)*, or with no more than three positive nodes; and
- The member would be a candidate for possible adjuvant chemotherapy (i.e. chemotherapy is not precluded due to other factors), and testing is being done specifically to guide the decision as to whether or not adjuvant chemotherapy will be used; and
- Less than six months have elapsed since the initial diagnosis

* Members with micrometastases (isolated tumor cells in the lymph node) are considered to be node negative

Prosigna® Breast Cancer Assay:
The Plan considers Prosigna® Breast Cancer Assay gene expression profiling for breast cancer treatment as medically necessary to assess the need for adjuvant chemotherapy in newly diagnosed breast cancer when ALL of the following are met:
- Diagnosed with Stage I or II breast cancer within the previous 6 months; and
- Node negative* or Stage II with 1-3 positive nodes; and
- Estrogen receptor (ER) positive tumor; and
- Her2 negative tumor; and
- The member would be a candidate for adjuvant chemotherapy (i.e., chemotherapy is not contraindicated due to other factors); and
- The result of the test will guide the decision whether or not to use chemotherapy; and
- The member would choose to receive chemotherapy if offered.

* Members with micrometastases (isolated tumor cells in the lymph node) are considered to be node negative

For Medicare and Medicaid Business Segments:
Palmetto GBA, the designated national contractor for its Oncotype DX® breast cancer test, has expanded its coverage policy for all qualified Medicare patients to include patients with ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS).

LIMITATIONS:
The test is covered once per primary tumor, per individual.

For the Medicare and Medicaid Business Segments – CMS directives allow MammaPrint® 70 gene assay to be considered for coverage when used to predict recurrence risk in members with ER-positive or ER-negative, lymph node-negative breast cancer. Palmetto GBA established a formal coverage policy for all Medicare patients. This local carrier determination is applicable nationally.

EXCLUSIONS:
Unless coverage is mandated, the Plan does NOT provide coverage for any other assays of genetic expression in breast tumor tissue (e.g. MammaPrint®, BluePrint™, TargetPrint®, Mammostrat® Breast Cancer Test, the Breast Cancer IndexSM, BreastOncPx™, NexCourse® Breast IHC4, BreastPRS™, and the Rotterdam Signature 76-Panel) because they are considered experimental, investigational or unproven.

Note: A complete description of the process by which a given technology or service is evaluated and determined to be experimental, investigational or unproven is outlined in MP 15 - Experimental Investigational or Unproven Services or Treatment.

**CODING ASSOCIATED WITH:** *Gene Expression Profiling for Breast Cancer Treatment*

The following codes are included below for informational purposes and may not be all inclusive. Inclusion of a procedure or device code(s) does not constitute or imply coverage nor does it imply or guarantee provider reimbursement. Coverage is determined by the member specific benefit plan document and any applicable laws regarding coverage of specific services.

- **84999** Unlisted Chemistry Procedure
- **81519** Oncology (breast), mRNA, gene expression profiling by real-time RT-PCR of 21 genes, utilizing formalin-fixed paraffin embedded tissue, algorithm reported as recurrence score
  Oncotype DX (Genomic Health)
- **S3854** Gene profiling for the use in the management of breast cancer treatment
- **0008M** Oncology (breast), mRNA analysis of 58 genes using hybrid capture, on formalin-fixed paraffin prognostic algorithm reported as a risk score


**LINE OF BUSINESS:**
Eligibility and contract specific benefits, limitations and/or exclusions will apply. Coverage statements found in the line of business specific benefit document will supersede this policy. For PA Medicaid Business segment, this policy applies as written.

**REFERENCES:**


Winifred S. Hayes- Online Alert- Gene Expression Profiling Tumor Tissue to predict Breast Cancer Recurrence. September 27, 2005


Liebermann N, Baehner FL, Soussan-Gutman L, Klang S, Yoshizawa C, Shak S. Evaluation of Recurrence Score, nodal status and traditional clinicopathologic metrics in a large ER positive patient cohort. European Society for Medical Oncology. Providence, RI; May 16-19, 2011


This policy will be revised as necessary and reviewed no less than annually.

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