

Subject: Co-Morbid Condition Review

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Objective:

To ensure that Oregon Health Plan (OHP) Tuality Health Alliance (THA) members are not excluded from necessary or appropriate medical services just because their main diagnoses fall on a non-funded line. Consideration for treatment/service funding will be given to any medically-related condition that may have significantly improved outcomes with treatment/service.

Definition:

A co-morbid condition is defined as a medical condition/diagnosis (i.e. illness, disease and/or disability) co-existing in the same patient with one or more other current and existing conditions/diagnoses.

Policy:

- I OHP-THA members with co-morbid conditions will have those conditions considered when determining eligibility for services that otherwise may not be covered for not meeting funding line requirements.
- II If a medication is prescribed for a non-covered diagnosis, the medication will not be covered unless there is a co-morbid condition for which coverage would be extended. The use of the medication must meet corresponding treatment guidelines, be included within the client's benefit package of covered services, and not otherwise excluded or limited.
- III Services that are not normally covered at all by the Oregon Health Plan (such as experimental procedures and non-FDA-approved medications) are not subject to consideration under this policy.
- IV. Before denying treatment for an uncompensated condition, THA Medical Management will determine whether the member has a funded/paired condition that would entitle treatment.
 - a. Any funded or uncompensated co-morbid condition or disability must be represented by an ICD-10-CM diagnosis code. When the condition is a mental disorder, it must be represented by DSM-IV diagnosis code to the highest level of axis specificity.
 - b. To identify whether a diagnosis is above or below the funded line, the ICD-10 diagnosis will be compared with the Division of Medical Assistance Programs (DMAP) Prioritized List.
 - c. Treating the uncompensated medically-related condition will significantly improve the outcome of treating the funded condition.

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All requests for services that meet the above requirements must be reviewed by THA Medical Management department. Findings must take into consideration the following:

1. Opinion of the treating provider;
2. Medical research;
3. Community standards of care;
4. Current peer review.

References: 42 CFR 438.210(a)

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