

July 1, 2019

Re: New Hepatitis C Criteria

Dear Provider,

Thank you for your service to our members. We are writing to provide you with useful information regarding treatment requests for Hepatitis C.

Maryland Medicaid has updated their guidelines for Hepatitis C treatment, effective July 1, 2019. We have attached a copy of these guidelines for you. The most important change is the new Fibrosis Score threshold for treatment. Members with a fibrosis score of F1 or higher are now eligible for treatment. Please note that Ultrasound testing is not able to be used to differentiate between F0 and F1 disease and a blood test will be required for treatment approval in those cases. Also, there is now an exception to the fibrosis threshold criteria for members under the age of 21, though the fibrosis testing is still required.

Jai Medical Systems has adopted the guidelines developed by the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) for Hepatitis C medication treatment approval. Please be aware that we will *only* approve requests for Hepatitis C medication treatment when the guidelines and criteria for treatment have been met and appropriately documented on the correct forms and we must be able to verify any diagnostic values that are documented.

For the most up-to-date information regarding the MDH Hepatitis C guidelines and criteria, please visit their website at <https://mmcp.health.maryland.gov/pap/Pages/Hepatitis-C-Therapy.aspx>

Please note that this information (including the appropriate forms) is available on our website at www.jaimedicalsystems.com. Our website also features information regarding Case Management and Medication Compliance Assistance services that we offer and recommend for our members when they begin Hepatitis C treatment. If you have a patient who may benefit from Case Management or Medication Compliance Assistance, please contact our Director of Case Management, Chardae Buchanan, RN, BSN, , at 410-433-5600 for more information.

We appreciate your dedication and service to our members. If you have any questions or concerns about this matter, please contact me at pgregg@jaimedical.com.

Thank you,



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