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COVERAGE OF PROCEDURE CODES 43770 - 43774

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2008, the MO HealthNet Program will cover the following Current Procedure Terminology (CPT) codes:

- 43770 (Laparoscopy, surgical, gastric restrictive procedure; placement of adjustable gastric restrictive device);
- 43771 (Laparoscopy, surgical, gastric restrictive procedure; revision of adjustable gastric restrictive device component only);
- 43772 (Laparoscopy, surgical, gastric restrictive procedure; removal of adjustable gastric restrictive device component only);
- 43773 (Laparoscopy, surgical, gastric restrictive procedure; removal and replacement of adjustable gastric restrictive device component only); and
- 43774 (Laparoscopy, surgical, gastric restrictive procedure; removal of adjustable gastric restrictive device and subcutaneous port components).

Procedure code 43770 will require prior authorization of services. Please refer to Section 8 of the Physician's Manual or click the following link to review the prior authorization policy at the MO HealthNet Web site:

http://manuals.momed.com/collections/collection_phy/General_Section08.pdf

Please refer to Section 13.40.L of the Physician's Manual or click the following link to review information on morbid obesity treatment at the MO HealthNet Web site:

http://207.15.48.5/collections/collection_phy/Physician_Section13.pdf

COVERAGE OF PROCEDURE CODES 43842 – 4384262

Effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2008, MHD will no longer cover CPT procedure codes 43842 and 4384262 (Gastric restrictive procedure, without gastric bypass, for morbid obesity; vertical-banded gastroplasty).

For MO HealthNet coverage information, including fees and restrictions, please reference the on-line fee schedule at http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/providers/index.htm/.

Provider Bulletins are available on the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) (Formerly the Division of Medical Services) Web site at http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/providers/pages/bulletins.htm. Bulletins will remain on the Provider Bulletins page only until incorporated into the provider manuals as appropriate, then moved to the Archived Bulletin page.

MO HealthNet News: Providers and other interested parties are urged to go to the MHD Web site at http://dss.missouri.gov/mhd/global/pages/mednewssubscribe.htm to subscribe to the electronic mailing list to receive automatic notifications of provider bulletins, provider manual updates, and other official MO HealthNet communications via E-mail.

MO HealthNet Managed Care: The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service
- Services not included in MO HealthNet Managed Care

Questions regarding MO HealthNet Managed Care benefits should be directed to the patient's MO HealthNet Managed Care health plan. Before delivering a service, please check the patient's eligibility status by swiping the red MO HealthNet card or by calling the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 573-635-8908 and using Option One for the red or white card.

Provider Communications Hotline
573-751-2896

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