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Executive summary

The “2018–19 Prioritized List of Health Services” (aka “Prioritized List”) (see Appendix C) shows the final line rankings as approved by the Health Evidence Review Commission (HERC) when it completed the biennial review of the list at its March 9, 2017 meeting.

The focus of this biennial review has been on a comprehensive look at the evidence on the treatment and prevention of obesity. Good evidence was found for the expansion of bariatric surgery for adults with a BMI ≥ 35 with serious comorbidities beyond type 2 diabetes mellitus, which has been funded since 2008. The evidence showed lower mortality rates and a reduction in major adverse cardiovascular events, outweighing the risks of surgery. Additionally, significant reductions in BMI, type 2 diabetes and hypertension were seen. Even greater benefits were seen in adults with BMI ≥ 40 , regardless of comorbidities, leading to a higher prioritization for the treatment of that population as well. Unfortunately, the evidence did not show significant benefits for the use of prescription drugs or devices such as inflatable balloons; as a result, those treatments are not included in the funded region. The review also led to modest expansions in already covered behavioral interventions such as cognitive behavioral therapy. For more detail on the review of obesity treatments, see pages 7–8 of the report and Appendix B.

Another significant change resulting from this biennial review is including two new lines on the Prioritized List relating to the prioritization of services with marginal clinical benefit and/or low cost-effectiveness (line 500) and those with no clinically important benefit or that have harms that outweigh benefits (line 660). These lines, along with two associated guidelines, will more transparently allow the prioritization of condition-treatment pairings that historically have not appeared on the Prioritized List. The use of the guideline notes will identify both procedures and therapies that have CPT and HCPCS codes as well as those that don't, such as prescription drugs. A new statement of intent provides a list of general criteria that could result in prioritizing a service on one of these new lines. See pages 8–9 of the report and Appendix B for further detail.

In the process of maintaining the Prioritized List over the last two years, the HERC produced four sets of interim modifications forwarded to the president of the Oregon Senate and speaker of the House of Representatives. This included the definition of several new guideline notes and the revision or removal of a number of previously existing guidelines (see Appendix C for a listing of all statements of intent and guideline notes). Oregon Health Authority's Actuarial Services Unit determined that

none of the interim modifications made from October 2015 through January 2017 have a significant fiscal impact requiring presentation to the Oregon Legislative Emergency Board.

The Health Evidence Review Commission appreciates the opportunity to continue its work on health care prioritization in order to provide the most beneficial, cost-effective services to Oregon's Medicaid population.

Charge to the Health Evidence Review Commission

HB 2100 (2011) established the Health Evidence Review Commission (HERC) in part to:

“[D]evelop and maintain a list of health services ranked by priority, from the most important to the least important, representing the comparative benefits of each service to the population to be served.”*

As it performs this work, HERC is also directed to:

“[C]onsider both the clinical effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of health services, including drug therapies, in determining their relative importance using peer-reviewed medical literature...”†

HERC is composed of 13 members. There are five physicians (including one doctor of osteopathy and one hospital-based physician), two consumer representatives, a public health nurse, a behavioral health representative, a dentist, a complementary and alternative medicine provider, a pharmacy representative and a health insurance representative. HERC relies heavily on input from its subcommittees and ad hoc advisory panels. The HERC’s Value-based Benefits Subcommittee (VbBS) reviews all potential changes to the Prioritized List. VbBS has both Commission members and other provider and stakeholder representatives.‡ An Oral Health Advisory Panel, Behavioral Health Advisory Panel and Genetics Advisory Panel provide recommendations on new codes and issues specific to their areas of expertise.

HERC’s Prioritized List is composed of condition-treatment pairs of diagnosis and treatment codes used to define the services represented. As of Oct. 1, 2015, the conditions on the list are represented by the coding nomenclature of the International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM). Medical treatments are listed using codes from the American Medical Association’s Current Procedural Terminology (CPT), the American Dental Association’s Current Dental Terminology (CDT) and the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS).

Appropriate diagnostic services are covered under OHP whether or not the final diagnosis appears in the funded region of the Prioritized List. Only after the

* *Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 414.690(3).*

† *ORS 414.690(4)(c).*

‡ *A list of the Commission and VbBS membership can be found in Appendix A.*

diagnosis has been established is the list used to determine whether further treatments are covered under the plan. Therefore, diagnosis codes representing signs and symptoms and procedures codes for diagnostic procedures are not included on the list. Another service covered regardless of the underlying condition is palliative care, as described by the first of three statements of intent associated with the Prioritized List.

Procedure codes representing appropriate ancillary services such as prescription drugs, durable medical equipment or services such as the removal of sutures are intended to be covered if the condition they are being used to treat lies in the funded region. Because of the volume of codes that represent ancillary services and the fact that they are often associated with many different diagnoses, these codes do not appear on the list. In some cases, HERC has created guideline notes for specific ancillary and diagnostic services to clarify its evidence-informed intent for coverage of these services.

In addition, other procedure codes represent services not added to the list because they are not appropriate for coverage. These include codes for experimental treatments or cosmetic services. Diagnosis codes that are non-specific or do not identify a health condition or disease process are also not included on the Prioritized List.

The Health Systems Division maintains electronic files to account for codes not appearing on the list and to ensure appropriate fee-for-service reimbursement. OHP providers and contracted coordinated care organizations (CCOs) have web-based access to the information in these electronic files through the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) so that service coverage is as uniform as possible.

Regarding the potential impact of changes to the Prioritized List, HERC is considering that HERC staff consult with staff from the Oregon Health Authority's Health Systems Division, Analytics Unit, and Actuarial Services Unit to determine the magnitude of the potential impact to program cost and administrative burden. This information is shared with HERC during its decision making process as appropriate. This information can also play a role in timing implementation of a list change in order to make any necessary adjustments to the CCO contracted rates and/or ensure ample time for operationalizing the change.

The prioritization methodology

HERC continues to use the prioritization methodology in place since 2008. Each line item on the Prioritized List is assigned to one of eight broad health care categories that establish a basic framework for the list (shown on next page as Figure 1). Once the line items have been assigned to one of the categories, a list of criteria is used to sort them within the categories (shown as Figure 2, with the range of scores shown in parentheses). These measures are felt to best capture the impacts on both individuals' and the population's health that HERC believes are essential in determining the relative importance of a condition-treatment pair.

Since not every service in category 1 is more important than every service in category 2 and so on, a weight is applied to each category that is multiplied by the total criteria score for each condition-treatment pair. The category weights are shown in parentheses after the title for each category in Figure 1. A total score is then calculated for each line using the formula shown in Figure 3 to sort all line items, with the lowest net cost used to break any ties. HERC then applied hand adjustments where the application of this methodology did not result in a ranking that reflected the importance of the service, which was the case for just 3% of the line items.

Services near the top of the list as a result of this methodology include:

- Maternity care and newborn services;
- Preventive services found to be effective by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force; and
- Treatments for chronic diseases where ongoing maintenance therapy can prevent exacerbations of the disease that lead to avoidable, high-intensity service utilization, morbidity and death. Examples of these diseases include diabetes, major depression, asthma and hypertension.

Figure 1: Rank order of health care categories

1. Maternity & Newborn Care (100)
2. Primary Prevention and Secondary Prevention (95)
3. Chronic Disease Management (75)
4. Reproductive Services (70)
5. Fatal Conditions, Where Treatment is Aimed at Disease Modification or Cure (40)
6. Nonfatal Conditions, Where Treatment is Aimed at Disease Modification or Cure (20)
7. Self-limiting Conditions (5)
8. Inconsequential Care (1)

Figure 2: Population and individual impact measures

1. Impact on Healthy Life (0 to 10)
2. Impact on Suffering (0 to 5)
3. Population Effects (0 to 5)
4. Vulnerability of Population Affected (0 to 5)
5. Tertiary Prevention (0 to 5)
6. Effectiveness (0 to 5)
7. Need for Medical Services (0 to 100%)
8. Net Cost (0 to 5)

Figure 3: Prioritization formula

$$\text{Category Weight} \times \begin{matrix} \text{Impact on Healthy Life} \\ + \text{Impact on Suffering} \\ + \text{Population Effects} \\ + \text{Vulnerability of} \\ \text{Population Affected} \\ + \text{Tertiary Prevention} \\ \text{(categories 6 \& 7 only)} \end{matrix} \times \text{Effectiveness} \times \text{Need for Service}$$

Biennial review of the Prioritized List

HERC conducted the 13th biennial review of the Prioritized List of Health Services in 2015–17. Two major areas of focus during this biennial review included a review of the evidence for the treatment and prevention of obesity and a new process for the review of treatments with minimal or no clinical benefit, low cost-effectiveness or when potential harms outweigh benefits. Tables 1 through 4 show the structural changes made to lines during this biennial review to reflect changes in these areas as well as others, including the merging and other restructuring of lines, line movement and the creation of new lines.

Table 1: Newly merged lines previously found on separate lines

18-19 line	18-19 line description	16-17 line	16-17 line description
15	Congenital infectious diseases/Medical therapy	15 16	Congenital infectious diseases/Medical therapy Congenital syphilis/Medical therapy
24	Endocrine and metabolic disturbances specific to the fetus and newborn/Medical therapy	21 35 45	Syndrome of “infant of a diabetic mother” and neonatal hypoglycemia/Medical therapy Neonatal thyrotoxicosis/Medical therapy Hypocalcemia, hypomagnesemia and other endocrine and metabolic disturbances specific to the fetus and newborn/Medical therapy
359	Deformity/closed dislocation of joint and recurrent joint dislocations/Surgical treatment	364 392	Deformity/closed dislocation of major joint and recurrent joint dislocations/Surgical treatment Deformity/closed dislocation of minor joint and recurrent joint dislocations/Surgical treatment

Table 2: Moved lines

18-19 line	18-19 line description	16-17 line	16-17 line description
43	Neonatal infections other than sepsis/Medical therapy	22	Omphalitis of the newborn and neonatal infective mastitis/Medical therapy

Table 3: Restructured lines

18-19 line	18-19 line description	16-17 line	16-17 line description
16	Low birth weight; premature newborn/Medical therapy Severe birth trauma for baby; intraventricular hemorrhage/Medical therapy	17	Very low birth weight (under 1500 grams)/Medical therapy
31		23	Low birth weight (1500-2500 grams)/Medical therapy
		34	Severe birth trauma for baby/Medical therapy
27	Type 2 diabetes mellitus/Medical therapy Obesity in adults and children; overweight status in adults with cardiovascular risk factors/Behavioral interventions including intensive nutritional and physical activity counseling; bariatric surgery	30	Type 2 diabetes mellitus/Medical therapy, bariatric surgery with BMI ≥ 35
320		325	Obesity (adult BMI ≥ 30 , childhood BMI ≥ 95 th percentile) and overweight in adults (BMI ≥ 25) with cardiovascular risk factors/Intensive nutritional/ physical activity counseling and behavioral interventions
		589	Obesity (adult BMI ≥ 30 , childhood BMI ≥ 95 th percentile) and overweight in adults (BMI ≥ 25) with cardiovascular risk factors/Non-intensive nutritional/ physical activity counseling and behavioral interventions; bariatric surgery for obesity with a significant comorbidity other than type 2 diabetes & BMI ≥ 35 or BMI ≥ 40 without a significant comorbidity
78	Injury to major blood vessels/Ligation, repair Crush injuries other than digits; compartment syndrome/Medical and surgical treatment	82	Injury to major blood vessels of extremities & neck/Ligation, repair
131		135	Crush injuries other than digits; compartment syndrome; injuries to blood vessel(s) of the neck/ Medical and surgical treatment
		281	Injury to blood vessels of the thoracic cavity/Repair

Table 4: New lines

18-19 line	18-19 line description
500	Conditions for which certain treatments result in marginal clinical benefit or low cost-effectiveness/Medical and surgical treatment
660	Conditions for which certain treatments have no clinically important benefit or have harms that outweigh benefits/Medical and surgical treatment

Review of the treatment and prevention of obesity

As of Jan. 1, 2008, the Prioritized List was modified to include a line in the funded region for covering intensive counseling on physical activity and behavioral modifications for treating obesity and overweight based on the recommendations of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force. Additionally, a review of the evidence at that time led to bariatric surgery being included in the funded region for treating adults with both morbid obesity and type 2 diabetes mellitus. HERC created an Obesity Task Force in 2016 to help update a review of the evidence on treating and preventing obesity.

The Obesity Task Force reviewed the evidence on a variety of interventions including medications, behavioral interventions, devices and surgery. The task force also reviewed the evidence on environmental, policy and para-clinical interventions used to prevent and treat obesity. This is a part of a new endeavor by HERC to help coordinated care organizations (CCOs) identify evidence-based multisector interventions they can use to improve outcomes for individuals with significant chronic conditions. An evidence-based review on multisector interventions for tobacco cessation was also conducted during the past year, and others are planned for the coming biennium on preventing unintended pregnancy and early childhood caries.

As a result of the Obesity Task Force's work and the new HERC "Coverage Guidance on Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery":

- The lower obesity line was deleted as obsolete.
- Bariatric surgery was moved from the diabetes line to the funded obesity line. This will significantly expand coverage of surgical treatments, which are cost-effective for a broader population than was previously included in the bariatric surgery benefit.
- The guideline note addressing obesity and overweight was modified to clarify intensive behavioral interventions. Wording was added to clarify non-coverage of medications and devices for obesity.
- A new "Multisector Intervention Statement on the Prevention and Treatment of Obesity" was appended to the Prioritized List.
- Gastric banding was removed from coverage (adjustments and treatment of complication for existing devices will continue to be covered).
- Bariatric surgery must be performed exclusively at accredited programs.

- Coverage of bariatric surgery is expanded to adults with a BMI ≥ 35 with at least two serious obesity-related comorbidities (adults with type 2 diabetes already covered since 2008).
- Coverage of bariatric surgery is expanded to all adults with a BMI ≥ 40 .

See Appendix B for a full detailed account of the changes made to the Prioritized List resulting from this review of the treatment and prevention of obesity.

Prioritization of services with low importance

Many treatments emerge that may be of high cost without necessarily offering any incremental benefit over existing treatments. Some treatments may not meet clinically important effectiveness criteria that would justify having a treatment be prioritized very high on the Prioritized List. HERC has thus made the following changes to better prioritize these services that have low importance:

- Create a new statement of intent to indicate criteria that could lead HERC to prioritize a service low on the Prioritized List.
- Create two new lines:
 - » A new line prioritized at line 500 titled **CONDITIONS FOR WHICH CERTAIN TREATMENTS RESULT IN MARGINAL CLINICAL BENEFIT OR LOW COST-EFFECTIVENESS.**
 - » A new line prioritized at the very end of the list titled **CONDITIONS FOR WHICH CERTAIN TREATMENTS HAVE NO CLINICALLY IMPORTANT BENEFIT OR HAVE HARMS THAT OUTWEIGH BENEFITS.**
- Create two new guideline notes associated with each of the new lines to list those condition-treatment pairings being included on each of the new lines, which will be particularly useful for those treatments that don't have procedure codes that normally appear on the Prioritized List.

Professional services of marginal benefit identified by a CPT or HCPCS code (such as surgeries and physician-administered drugs) can continue to be managed using pairings on existing low prioritized lines. If the diagnosis code does not otherwise appear on a line with the appropriate priority, the condition-treatment pair can now be added to one of these two new lines.

Ancillary (e.g., outpatient prescription drugs, durable medical equipment and supplies, adjunctive procedures) and diagnostic services (e.g., labs, imaging) can continue to be managed with ancillary and diagnostic guideline notes when limitations are intended. However, if evidence suggests their use imparts marginal or

no clinical benefit, is of low cost-effectiveness or has potential harms that outweigh benefits, ancillary and diagnostic services can be listed in one of the two new guideline notes associated with new, low-prioritized lines.

Because HERC is statutorily prohibited from conducting drug class evidence reviews or medical technology assessments solely of a prescription drug, HERC will rely on reports developed by Oregon's Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee. These reviews will speak to the appropriate indications for the medications and describe their effects, including the magnitude of the effect. Based on the clinical importance of the effects/cost-effectiveness of the drugs in question, the HERC may include them in one of two new guidelines for services with low importance, if appropriate.

Please see Appendix B for a full detailed account of the changes made to the Prioritized List on the prioritization of services with low importance.

Other biennial review changes

Some other noteworthy topics reviewed during this biennial review included:

1. Several lines with neonatal conditions were merged because conditions were very similar.
2. A merger of the tension headache and migraine headache lines was considered but rejected due to the considerable differences in efficacy of treatment between the diagnoses on these lines.
3. The minor joint injury line was deleted and the few unique diagnoses it contained were added to the major joint injury line.
4. Two lines containing large blood vessel injury diagnoses were merged, along with similar codes from a third line. The severity of the conditions and the effectiveness of treatment (if the patient could be stabilized) were similar.
5. Deletion of the only cancer line below the current funding line (SECONDARY AND ILL-DEFINED MALIGNANCIES) was considered but rejected due to the poor prognosis of many diagnoses on this line and/or the vagueness of the diagnoses, which did not allow evidence-based assessments of treatment effectiveness.
6. A higher prioritization of inguinal hernias that are not obstructed or gangrenous was considered but rejected due to a lack of evidence of harm if left untreated.

As this biennial review resulted in a net decrease of five lines, the new Prioritized List appearing in Appendix C is 660 lines long compared to the 665 lines in the 2016–17

list. Changes in line structure occurred both in the list's funded and non-funded regions, but the prioritization of the line above which the funding level was drawn for the 2016–17 list did not change. Therefore, line 469 on the new list equates to the funding level of the 2016–17 list at line 475.

Interim modifications to the Prioritized List

In addition to the work on the biennial review of the Prioritized List, HERC continues to maintain the list as necessary during the interim periods. The 2018–19 Prioritized List incorporates interim modifications previously reported to legislative leadership in conjunction with the prioritized lists published on Oct. 1, 2015, Jan. 1, 2016, July 1, 2016, Oct. 1, 2016, and Jan. 1, 2017. These notices are located on HERC’s website. They include a detailed description of the thousands of changes due to incorporating new medical codes, advancements in technology, new data regarding existing technologies and error or omission corrections. HERC continues its use of a transparent process, which allows any stakeholder to request review of a prioritization topic.

Recommendations

The Health Evidence Review Commission is pleased to offer these recommendations to the Governor and 79th Oregon Legislative Assembly:

1. Adopt the Prioritized List of Health Services for calendar years 2018–19 appearing in Appendix C. Once interim modifications to the list are completed in October 2017, the complete 2018–19 Prioritized List of Health Services will be posted on HERC’s web site.
2. Adopt the statements of intent and practice guidelines incorporated into the aforementioned Prioritized List.
3. Use the Prioritized List to delineate less important services to determine the benefit package under the Oregon Health Plan. A funding level covering lines 1-469 would equate to the level required under the terms and conditions of the 1115c waiver extension the Department of Health and Human Services granted in January 2017.

HERC thanks the Governor and Legislature for the opportunity to serve the citizens of Oregon.

Appendix A: Commission and subcommittee membership

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Appendix B: Biennial review changes

Changes related to the review of the treatment and prevention of obesity

Revised existing guideline notes as follows:

Guideline note 5, Obesity and overweight

Line 325

Medical treatment of overweight (with known cardiovascular risk factors) and obesity in adults is limited to intensive counseling on nutrition and physical activity, provided by health care professionals. Intensive counseling is defined as face-to-face contact more than monthly. A multidisciplinary team is preferred, but a single clinician could also deliver intensive counseling in primary care or other settings.

Intensive counseling visits are included on this line for six months. Intensive counseling visits may continue for an additional 6 months (up to 12 months) as long as there is evidence of continued weight loss or improvement in cardiovascular risk factors based on the intervention. Maintenance visits at the conclusion of the intensive treatment are included on this line no more than monthly after this intensive counseling period. The characteristics of effective behavioral interventions include high intensity programs; multicomponent (including at a minimum diet and exercise), group-based commercial programs; Mediterranean diet; and the following sub-elements — calorie counting, contact with a dietician and comparison to peers.

Known cardiovascular risk factors in overweight persons for which this therapy is effective include hypertension, dyslipidemia, prediabetes or the metabolic syndrome.

Medical treatment of obesity in children is limited to comprehensive, intensive behavioral interventions. For treatment of children up to 12 years old, interventions may be targeted only to parents, or to both parents and children.

Pharmacological treatments and devices (e.g., gastric balloons, duodenal jejunal bypass liners and vagus nerve blocking devices) for obesity are not intended to be included as services on this line or any other line on the Prioritized List.

Guideline note 8, Bariatric surgery

Line 325

Bariatric/metabolic surgery (limited to Roux-en-Y gastric bypass and sleeve gastrectomy) is included on Line 325 when the following criteria are met:

- A. Age \geq 18
- B. The patient has obesity with a:
 1. BMI \geq 40 OR
 2. BMI \geq 35 with:
 - a. Type 2 diabetes, OR
 - b. At least two of the following other serious obesity-related comorbidities: hypertension, coronary heart disease, mechanical arthropathy in major weight bearing joint, sleep apnea
- C. Repeat bariatric surgery is included when it is a conversion from a less intensive (such as gastric band or sleeve gastrectomy) to a more intensive surgery (e.g., Roux-en-Y). Repair of surgical complications (excluding failure to lose sufficient weight) are also included on this and other lines. Reversal of surgical procedures and devices is included on this line when benefits of reversal outweigh harms.
- D. Participate in the following four evaluations and meet criteria as described.
 1. Psychosocial evaluation: (Conducted by a licensed mental health professional)
 - a. Evaluation to assess potential compliance with post-operative requirements.
 - b. Must remain free of abuse of or dependence on alcohol or marijuana during the six-month period immediately preceding surgery. No current use of nicotine or illicit drugs and must remain abstinent from their use during the six-month observation period. Testing will, at a minimum, be conducted within one month of the quit date and within one month of the surgery to confirm abstinence from illicit drugs. Tobacco abstinence will be confirmed in active smokers by negative cotinine levels at least six months apart, with the second test within one month of the surgery date.

- c. No mental or behavioral disorder that may interfere with postoperative outcomes¹.
 - d. Patient with previous psychiatric illness must be stable for at least six months.
2. Medical evaluation: (Conducted by OHP primary care provider)
 - a. Pre-operative physical condition and mortality risk assessed with patient found to be an appropriate candidate.
 - b. Optimize medical control of diabetes, hypertension or other comorbid conditions.
 - c. Female patient not currently pregnant with no plans for pregnancy for at least 2 years post-surgery. Contraception methods reviewed with patient agreement to use effective contraception through 2nd year post-surgery.
 3. Surgical evaluation: (Conducted by a licensed bariatric surgeon associated with program²)
 - a. Patient found to be an appropriate candidate for surgery at initial evaluation and throughout period leading to surgery.
 - b. Received counseling by a credentialed expert on the team regarding the risks and benefits of the procedure and understands the many potential complications of the surgery (including death) and the realistic expectations of post-surgical outcomes.
 4. Dietician evaluation: (Conducted by licensed dietician)
 - a. Evaluation of adequacy of prior dietary efforts to lose weight. If no or inadequate prior dietary effort to lose weight, must undergo six-month clinically supervised weight reduction program (including intensive nutrition and physical activity counseling as defined by the USPSTF).
 - b. Counseling in dietary lifestyle changes.
 5. Participate in additional evaluations:
 - a. Post-surgical attention to lifestyle, an exercise program and dietary changes and understands the need for post-surgical follow-up with all applicable professionals (e.g., nutritionist, psychologist/psychiatrist,

¹ Many patients (>50%) have depression as a comorbid diagnosis that, if treated, would not preclude their participation in the bariatric surgery program.

² All surgical services must be provided by a program with current accreditation (as a comprehensive center or low acuity center) by the Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Accreditation and Quality Improvement Program (MBSAQIP).

exercise physiologist or physical therapist, support group participation, regularly scheduled physician follow-up visits).

Append a new multisector intervention statement to the Prioritized List as follows:

Multisector interventions: Prevention and treatment of obesity

Limited evidence supports the following interventions:

School and child care settings

- School-based interventions to reduce BMI (especially with physical activity focus)
- School nutrition policy and day care meal standards
- Family-based group education programs delivered in schools
- Obesity prevention interventions in child care settings (nutrition education, healthy cooking classes for 2–6 year-olds, physical activity and playful games)

Community level interventions

- Environmental interventions (social marketing, cafeteria signs, farmers markets, walking groups, etc.)
- Introduction of light rail
- Community-based group health education and counseling interventions, workplace education interventions
- Workplace and college interventions to improve physical activity

Multiple settings

- Interventions to reduce sedentary screen time (in some studies, also to increase physical activity and nutrition)
- Multicomponent individual mentored health promotion programs to prevent childhood obesity
- Parental support interventions for diet and physical activity (group education, mental health counseling)

Policy changes

- Sugar sweetened beverage taxes
- Elimination of tax subsidy for advertising unhealthy food to children

This multisector interventions statement is based on the work of the HERC Obesity Task Force. The full summary of the evidence report is available at <http://www.oregon.gov/oha/herc/Pages/blog-obesityMSI.aspx>.

Changes related to the prioritization of health services with low importance

Create a new statement of intent as follows:

Statement of intent 3, Health services with low importance

It is the intent of HERC that therapies exhibiting one or more of the following characteristics generally be given low priority on the Prioritized List:

- Marginal clinical benefit
- No clinically important benefit
- Harms that outweigh benefits
- Very high cost in which the cost does not justify the benefit
- Significantly greater cost compared to alternate therapies when both have similar benefit
- Significant budget impact that could affect the overall Prioritized List funding level

Where possible, HERC prioritizes pairings of condition and treatment codes to reflect this lower priority, or simply does not pair a procedure code with one or more conditions if it exhibits one of these characteristics.

Codes for prescription drugs, durable medical equipment and supplies, certain adjunctive procedures and other ancillary services are not typically included on the Prioritized List. They are not always billed in conjunction with diagnosis codes, so it is more difficult to indicate the importance of these services through the prioritization process.

Based on evidence reviews by one of its subcommittees, the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, or other reputable sources, HERC prioritizes such services regarded as having low importance when prescribed for certain conditions:

- On line 500, CONDITIONS FOR WHICH CERTAIN TREATMENTS RESULT IN MARGINAL CLINICAL BENEFIT OR LOW COST-EFFECTIVENESS, or

- Line 660, CONDITIONS FOR WHICH CERTAIN TREATMENTS HAVE NO CLINICALLY IMPORTANT BENEFIT OR HAVE HARMS THAT OUTWEIGH BENEFITS.

HERC lists the relevant condition/treatment pairings in Guideline Notes 168, TREATMENTS WITH MARGINAL CLINICAL BENEFIT OR LOW COST-EFFECTIVENESS FOR CERTAIN CONDITIONS, or 169, TREATMENTS THAT HAVE NO CLINICALLY IMPORTANT BENEFIT OR HAVE HARMS THAT OUTWEIGH BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

Create two new lines as follows:

Line 500

Condition: Conditions for which certain treatments result in marginal clinical benefit or low cost-effectiveness

Treatment: Medical and surgical treatment

Line 660

Condition: Conditions for which certain treatments have no clinically important benefit or have harms that outweigh benefits

Treatment: Medical and surgical treatment

Create two new guideline notes as follows:

Guideline note 168, Treatments with marginal clinical benefit or low cost-effectiveness for certain conditions

The following treatments are prioritized on Line 500 for the conditions listed here:

Condition	Treatment
To be populated as the result of future work	

Guideline note 169, Treatments that have no clinically important benefit or have harms that outweigh benefits for certain conditions

The following treatments are prioritized on line 660, CONDITIONS FOR WHICH CERTAIN TREATMENTS HAVE NO CLINICALLY IMPORTANT BENEFIT OR HAVE HARMS THAT OUTWEIGH BENEFITS, for the conditions listed here:

Condition	Treatment
To be populated as the result of future work	

Appendix C: Prioritized health services

Frequently asked questions

A user's guide to the Prioritized List

This summary of the most frequently asked questions and their answers should familiarize readers with the format of the Prioritized List, define important terms and provide educational examples.

1. **Does the line descriptor contain every diagnosis?** Each line has a description of both a condition and treatment. Some lines have only one condition, but others may have many. A line may include physical, behavioral health or oral health conditions. The line descriptor contains the most frequent condition or a cluster of conditions represented by the ICD-10-CM codes. For example, cystic fibrosis occurs by itself on line 20, but the codes on line 207 — described broadly as Zoonotic Bacterial Diseases — include plague, tularemia, anthrax, brucellosis, cat-scratch disease and other specific diseases.
2. **What do the line numbers represent?** The line numbers represent the rank order of the condition-treatment pairs assigned by the Health Evidence Review Commission. In terms of the benefit to the population being served, the services on line item 1 are most important to provide and those on line 660 are least important.
3. **How is the funding line established?** The 79th Oregon Legislative Assembly will review the Prioritized List included in this report. Per prior agreement with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Oregon has agreed not to move the funding line from its current relative position for the duration of the current Medicaid waiver demonstration period. If this report is accepted, the Legislature is expected to establish the funding line for this list after line 469 as part of the state budget unless a waiver amendment to move the funding line is sought. Upon CMS approval, the benefit package represented by the services listed on or above the funding line established will be reimbursed under the Oregon Health Plan beginning no earlier than Jan. 1, 2018.

4. **Why do many diagnoses appear more than once?** A given diagnosis or condition may have a continuum of treatments including medical, surgical or transplantation. All transplantations for either bone marrow or solid organs have a separate line in addition to the medical/surgical treatment. These treatments of a condition may vary in their clinical effectiveness and/or cost-effectiveness and therefore the Health Evidence Review Commission gives them different rankings.
5. **What are statements of intent?** Statements of intent allow HERC to indicate its intent for coverage of services that cannot be easily identified by medical codes. The titles of these statements appear later in Appendix C immediately following the list of lines on the Prioritized List.
6. **What are practice guidelines?** Guidelines are used to further delineate conditions where the coding system does not adequately distinguish between subgroups that are treated differently or to indicate the most effective use of a particular treatment. This report provides a listing of the guideline titles. This includes guidelines associated with diagnostic and ancillary services that don't appear on the Prioritized List as well as services that do appear on the list. A full listing of the practice guidelines is posted on HERC's website.
7. **What about diagnostic services?** In most instances, diagnostic services are covered and do not appear on the list. Certain diagnostic services have either not been shown to be effective or do not affect management of the patient and the patient's health. If a condition is diagnosed that appears below the funding line, the diagnostic visit and any necessary tests will be covered; however, subsequent office visits and ancillary services such as home health services will not be covered.
8. **What about preventive services?** The Oregon Health Plan encourages prevention and early intervention. Effective preventive services for adults and children are ranked on line 3 and include services recommended by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force ("A" and "B" Recommendations), American Academy of Pediatrics (Bright Futures Guidelines), Health Resources and Services Administration (Women's Preventive Services) and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. In addition, preventive dental services are included on line 53.
9. **What are ancillary services and are they covered?** Ancillary services are those goods, services and therapies considered integral to the successful treatment of a condition. They include prescription drugs, durable medical equipment, hospital care and anesthesia. Ancillary services are generally reimbursable when used in conjunction with a covered condition, but may be subject to practice guidelines, Oregon Administrative Rules or other prior

authorization criteria. For some ancillary services, HERC has developed a guideline note to ensure appropriate utilization of these services. In addition, some ancillary services are listed in guideline notes 168 and 168 after HERC has found them to meet the criteria for these guideline notes, including little or no benefit, lack of cost-effectiveness or harms that outweigh benefits.

10. **What other resources are available to answer other questions?** See HERC’s webpage for questions about the Prioritized List, the methodology used to create and maintain the list or other information concerning the work of the Health Evidence Review Commission.

See the Medical Assistance Programs webpage for questions about plan eligibility or administration, or contact our office at 503-373-1985.

Line descriptions for the 2018–19 Prioritized List of Health Services

Prioritized List of Health Services

Biennial list for planned implementation 1/1/2018–12/31/2019

Line	Condition	Treatment
1	Pregnancy	Maternity care
2	Birth of infant	Newborn care
3	Prevention services with evidence of effectiveness	Medical therapy
4	Substance use disorder	Medical/psychotherapy
5	Tobacco dependence	Medical therapy/behavioral counseling
6	Reproductive services	Contraception management; sterilization
7	Major depression, recurrent; major depression, single episode, severe	Medical/psychotherapy
8	Type 1 diabetes mellitus	Medical therapy
9	Asthma	Medical therapy
10	Galactosemia	Medical therapy
11	Respiratory conditions of fetus and newborn	Medical therapy
12	HIV disease (including acquired immunodeficiency syndrome) and related opportunistic infections	Medical therapy
13	Congenital hypothyroidism	Medical therapy
14	Phenylketonuria (PKU)	Medical therapy
15	Congenital infectious diseases	Medical therapy
16	Low birth weight; premature newborn	Medical therapy
17	Neonatal myasthenia gravis	Medical therapy
18	Feeding problems in newborns	Medical therapy
19	Hydrocephalus and benign intracranial hypertension	Medical and surgical treatment

20	Cystic fibrosis	Medical therapy
21	Vesicoureteral reflux	Medical therapy, surgery
22	Schizophrenic disorders	Medical/psychotherapy
23	Intracranial hemorrhages; cerebral convulsions, depression, coma, and other abnormal cerebral signs of the newborn	Medical therapy
24	Endocrine and metabolic disturbances specific to the fetus and newborn	Medical therapy
25	Dysplasia of cervix and cervical carcinoma in situ, cervical condyloma	Medical and surgical treatment
26	Bipolar disorders	Medical/psychotherapy
27	Type 2 diabetes mellitus	Medical therapy
28	Drug withdrawal syndrome in newborn	Medical therapy
29	Regional enteritis, idiopathic proctocolitis, ulceration of intestine	Medical and surgical treatment
30	Epilepsy and febrile convulsions	Medical therapy
31	Severe birth trauma for baby; intraventricular hemorrhage	Medical therapy
32	Hematological disorders of fetus and newborn	Medical therapy
33	Spina bifida	Surgical treatment
34	Other congenital anomalies of musculoskeletal system	Medical and surgical treatment
35	Termination of pregnancy	Induced abortion
36	Acquired hypothyroidism, dys hormonogenic goiter	Medical and surgical treatment
37	Ectopic pregnancy; hydatidiform mole; choriocarcinoma	Medical and surgical treatment
38	Primary and secondary syphilis	Medical therapy
39	Disorders relating to long gestation and high birthweight	Medical therapy
40	Panhypopituitarism, iatrogenic and other pituitary disorders	Medical therapy
41	Intussusception, volvulus, intestinal obstruction, hazardous foreign body in GI tract with risk of perforation or obstruction	Medical and surgical treatment
42	Cleft palate with airway obstruction	Medical and surgical treatment, orthodontics
43	Neonatal infections other than sepsis	Medical therapy
44	Coarctation of the aorta	Surgical treatment
45	Coronary artery anomaly	Reimplantation of coronary artery
46	Rheumatoid arthritis and other inflammatory polyarthropathies	Medical therapy, injections
47	Deep abscesses, including appendicitis and periorbital abscess	Medical and surgical treatment
48	Chronic respiratory disease arising in the neonatal period	Medical therapy
49	Congenital hydronephrosis	Nephrectomy/repair

50	Pulmonary tuberculosis	Medical therapy
51	Acute pelvic inflammatory disease	Medical and surgical treatment
52	Gonococcal infections and other sexually transmitted diseases of the oral, anal and genitourinary tract	Medical therapy
53	Preventive dental services	Cleaning, fluoride and sealants
54	Dental conditions (eg. infection, pain, trauma)	Emergency dental services
55	Complicated stones of the gallbladder and bile ducts; cholecystitis	Medical and surgical treatment
56	Ulcers, gastritis, duodenitis, and GI hemorrhage	Medical and surgical treatment
57	Burn, full thickness greater than 10% of body surface	Free skin graft, medical therapy
58	Bronchiectasis	Medical and surgical treatment
59	End stage renal disease	Medical therapy including dialysis
60	Metabolic disorders	Medical therapy
61	Torsion of ovary	Oophorectomy, ovarian cystectomy
62	Substance-induced mood, anxiety, delusional and obsessive-compulsive disorders	Medical/psychotherapy
63	Spontaneous abortion; missed abortion	Medical and surgical treatment
64	Congenital anomalies of upper alimentary tract, excluding tongue	Medical and surgical treatment
65	Substance-induced delirium; substance intoxication and withdrawal	Medical/psychotherapy
66	Laryngeal stenosis or paralysis with airway complications	Incision/excision/endoscopy
67	Ventricular septal defect	Closure
68	Acute bacterial meningitis	Medical therapy
69	Acute and subacute ischemic heart disease, myocardial infarction	Medical and surgical treatment
70	Congenital pulmonary valve anomalies	Pulmonary valve repair
71	Neurological dysfunction in breathing, eating, swallowing, bowel, or bladder control caused by chronic conditions; attention to ostomies	Medical and surgical treatment (eg. G-tubes, J-tubes, respirators, tracheostomy, urological procedures)
72	Burn, partial thickness greater than 30% of body surface or with vital site; full thickness, less than 10% of body surface	Free skin graft, medical therapy
73	Polycythemia neonatorum, symptomatic	Medical therapy
74	Dermatomyositis, polymyositis	Medical therapy
75	Addison's disease	Medical therapy
76	Hypertension and hypertensive disease	Medical therapy
77	Patent ductus arteriosus; aortic pulmonary fistula/window	Ligation
78	Injury to major blood vessels	Ligation/repair
79	Phlebitis and thrombophlebitis, deep	Medical therapy

80	Injury to internal organs	Medical and surgical treatment
81	Fracture of hip	Medical and surgical treatment
82	Myocarditis, pericarditis, and endocarditis	Medical and surgical treatment
83	Deep open wound of neck, including larynx; fracture of larynx or trachea	Repair
84	Diabetes mellitus with end stage renal disease	Simultaneous pancreas/kidney (SPK) transplant, pancreas after kidney (PAK) transplant
85	Endocardial cushion defects	Repair
86	Congenital pulmonary valve atresia	Shunt/repair
87	Congenital anomalies of genitourinary system	Reconstruction
88	Necrotizing enterocolitis in fetus or newborn	Medical and surgical treatment
89	Discordant cardiovascular connections	Repair
90	Congenital mitral valve stenosis/insufficiency	Mitral valve repair/replacement
91	Guillain-Barre syndrome	Medical therapy
92	Severe/moderate head injury: hematoma/edema with persistent symptoms	Medical and surgical treatment
93	Childhood leukemias	Medical therapy, which includes chemotherapy and Radiation therapy
94	Undescended testicle	Surgical treatment
95	Hereditary immune deficiencies	Bone marrow transplant
96	Diabetic and other retinopathy	Medical, surgical, and laser treatment
97	Borderline personality disorder	Medical/psychotherapy
98	Heart failure	Medical therapy
99	Cardiomyopathy	Medical and surgical treatment
100	End stage renal disease	Renal transplant
101	Congenital anomalies of digestive system and abdominal wall excluding necrosis; chronic intestinal pseudo-obstruction	Medical and surgical treatment
102	Hemolytic disease due to isoimmunization, anemia due to transplacental hemorrhage, and fetal and neonatal jaundice	Medical therapy
103	Poisoning by ingestion, injection, and non-medicinal agents	Medical therapy
104	Botulism	Medical therapy
105	Tetralogy of Fallot (TOF); congenital venous abnormalities	Repair
106	Congenital stenosis and insufficiency of aortic valve	Surgical valve replacement/valvuloplasty
107	Giant cell arteritis, polymyalgia rheumatica and Kawasaki disease	Medical therapy
108	Fracture of ribs and sternum, open	Medical and surgical treatment
109	Subacute meningitis (eg. tuberculosis, cryptococcosis)	Medical therapy
110	Coagulation defects	Medical therapy

111	Congenital heart block; other obstructive anomalies of heart	Medical therapy
112	Cancer of testis	Medical and surgical treatment, which includes chemotherapy and radiation therapy
113	Cancer of eye and orbit	Medical and surgical treatment, which includes chemotherapy and radiation therapy
114	Aplastic anemias; agranulocytosis	Bone marrow transplant
115	Chronic myeloid leukemia	Medical therapy, which includes chemotherapy, radiation and radionucleide therapy
116	Hodgkin's disease	Bone marrow transplant
117	Foreign body in pharynx, larynx, trachea, bronchus and esophagus	Removal of foreign body
118	Nutritional deficiencies	Medical therapy
119	Atrial septal defect, secundum	Repair septal defect
120	Choanal atresia	Repair of choanal atresia
121	Abuse and neglect	Medical/psychotherapy
122	Attention deficit/hyperactivity disorders	Medical/psychotherapy
123	Malaria, Chagas' disease and trypanosomiasis	Medical therapy
124	Anaphylactic shock; edema of larynx	Medical therapy
125	Thyrotoxicosis with or without goiter, endocrine exophthalmos; chronic thyroiditis	Medical and surgical treatment which includes radiation therapy
126	Benign neoplasm of the brain and spinal cord	Medical and surgical treatment, which includes chemotherapy and radiation therapy
127	Acute kidney injury	Medical therapy including dialysis
128	Common truncus	Total repair/replant artery
129	Granulomatosis with polyangiitis	Medical therapy, which includes radiation therapy
130	Total anomalous pulmonary venous connection	Complete repair
131	Crush injuries other than digits; compartment syndrome	Medical and surgical treatment
132	Open fracture/dislocation of extremities	Medical and surgical treatment
133	Cancer of cervix	Medical and surgical treatment, which includes chemotherapy and radiation therapy
134	Interrupted aortic arch	Transverse arch graft
135	Hodgkin's disease	Medical therapy, which includes chemotherapy and radiation therapy
136	Traumatic amputation of leg(s) (complete)(partial) with and without complication	Medical and surgical treatment
137	Opportunistic infections in immunocompromised hosts; candidiasis of stoma; persons receiving continuous antibiotic therapy	Medical therapy
138	Ebstein's anomaly	Repair septal defect/valvuloplasty/replacement
139	Glaucoma, other than primary angle-closure	Medical, surgical and laser treatment
140	Myasthenia gravis	Medical therapy, thymectomy

141	Systemic lupus erythematosus, other diffuse diseases of connective tissue	Medical therapy
142	Conditions involving the temperature regulation of newborns	Medical therapy
143	Pneumothorax and pleural effusion tube thoracostomy	Surgical therapy, medical therapy
144	Hypothermia	Medical therapy, extracorporeal circulation
145	Anemia of prematurity or transient neonatal neutropenia	Medical therapy
146	Enteric infections and other bacterial food poisoning	Medical therapy
147	Glycogenosis	Medical therapy
148	Acquired hemolytic anemias	Medical therapy
149	Feeding and eating disorders of infancy or childhood	Medical/psychotherapy
150	Cervical vertebral dislocations/fractures, open or closed; other vertebral dislocations/fractures, open or unstable; spinal cord injuries with or without evidence of vertebral injury	Medical and surgical treatment
151	Disorders of mineral metabolism, other than calcium	Medical therapy
152	Non-pulmonary tuberculosis	Medical therapy
153	Pyogenic arthritis	Medical and surgical treatment
154	Vascular insufficiency of intestine	Surgical treatment
155	Herpes zoster; herpes simplex and with neurological and ophthalmological complications	Medical therapy
156	Acromegaly and gigantism	Medical therapy
157	Cancer of colon, rectum, small intestine and anus	Medical and surgical treatment, which includes chemotherapy and radiation therapy
158	Non-Hodgkin's lymphomas	Medical therapy, which includes chemotherapy and radiation therapy
159	Toxic epidermal necrolysis and staphylococcal scalded skin syndrome; Stevens-Johnson syndrome; erythema multiforme major; eczema herpeticum	Medical therapy
160	Traumatic amputation of arm(s), hand(s), thumb(s), and finger(s) (complete)(partial) with and without complication	Medical and surgical treatment
161	Granulocyte disorders	Medical therapy
162	Biliary atresia	Liver transplant
163	Non-Hodgkin's lymphomas	Bone marrow transplant
164	Carcinoma in situ of upper airway, including oral cavity	Incision/excision, medical therapy
165	Preventive foot care in high risk patients	Medical and surgical treatment of toenails and hyperkeratoses of foot

166	Anal, rectal and colonic polyps	Medical and surgical treatment
167	Gonococcal and chlamydial infections of the eye; neonatal conjunctivitis	Medical therapy
168	Complicated hernias; uncomplicated inguinal hernia in children age 18 and under; persistent hydrocele	Repair
169	Non-diabetic hypoglycemic coma	Medical therapy
170	Acute mastoiditis	Mastoidectomy, medical therapy
171	Amebiasis	Medical therapy
172	Hypertensive heart and renal disease	Medical therapy
173	Posttraumatic stress disorder	Medical/psychotherapy
174	Generalized convulsive or partial epilepsy without mention of impairment of consciousness	Single focal surgery
175	Polyarteritis nodosa and allied conditions	Medical therapy
176	Common ventricle	Total repair
177	Disorders of amino-acid transport and metabolism (non-PKU); hereditary fructose intolerance	Medical therapy
178	Intracerebral hemorrhage	Medical therapy
179	Acute leukemia, myelodysplastic syndrome	Bone marrow transplant
180	Ureteral stricture or obstruction; hydronephrosis; hydroureter	Medical and surgical treatment
181	Conditions involving exposure to natural elements (eg. lightning strike, heatstroke)	Medical therapy, burn treatment
182	Septicemia	Medical therapy
183	Fracture of pelvis, open and closed	Medical and surgical treatment
184	Acute osteomyelitis	Medical and surgical treatment
185	Diverticulitis of colon	Colon resection, medical therapy
186	Rheumatic multiple valvular disease	Surgical treatment
187	Cushing's syndrome; hyperaldosteronism, other corticoadrenal overactivity, medulloadrenal hyperfunction	Medical therapy/adrenalectomy
188	Congenital tricuspid atresia and stenosis	Repair
189	Chronic ischemic heart disease	Medical and surgical treatment
190	Neoplasms of islets of Langerhans	Excision of tumor
191	Cancer of breast; at high risk of breast cancer	Medical and surgical treatment, which includes chemotherapy, radiation therapy and breast reconstruction
192	Hereditary angioedema	Medical therapy
193	Autism spectrum disorders	Medical therapy/behavioral modification including applied behavior analysis
194	Hereditary anemias, hemoglobinopathies, and disorders of the spleen	Medical therapy
195	Acute pancreatitis	Medical therapy

196	Subarachnoid and intracerebral hemorrhage/hematoma; cerebral aneurysm; compression of brain	Burr holes, craniectomy/craniotomy
197	Burn, partial thickness without vital site requiring grafting, up to 30% of body surface	Free skin graft, medical therapy
198	Congenital lung anomalies	Medical and surgical treatment
199	Chronic hepatitis; viral hepatitis	Medical therapy
200	Cancer of soft tissue	Medical and surgical treatment, which includes chemotherapy and radiation therapy
201	Cancer of bones	Medical and surgical treatment, which includes chemotherapy and radiation therapy
202	Chronic organic mental disorders including dementias	Consultation/medication management/behavioral support
203	Sleep apnea, narcolepsy and rem behavioral disorder	Medical and surgical treatment
204	Depression and other mood disorders, mild or moderate	Medical/psychotherapy
205	Pneumococcal pneumonia, other bacterial pneumonia, bronchopneumonia	Medical therapy
206	Superficial abscesses and cellulitis	Medical and surgical treatment
207	Zoonotic bacterial diseases	Medical therapy
208	Deep open wound, with or without tendon or nerve involvement	Medical and surgical treatment
209	Cancer of uterus	Medical and surgical treatment, which includes chemotherapy and radiation therapy
210	Rupture of liver	Suture/repair
211	Cancer of thyroid	Medical and surgical treatment, which includes chemotherapy and radiation therapy
212	Non-substance-related addictive behavioral disorders	Medical/psychotherapy
213	Bullous dermatoses of the skin	Medical therapy
214	Acute pulmonary heart disease and pulmonary emboli	Medical and surgical treatment
215	Cancer of kidney and other urinary organs	Medical and surgical treatment, which includes chemotherapy and radiation therapy
216	Cancer of stomach	Medical and surgical treatment, which includes chemotherapy and radiation therapy
217	Portal vein thrombosis	Medical and surgical treatment
218	Testicular cancer	Bone marrow rescue and transplant
219	Dental conditions (eg. periodontal disease)	Basic periodontics
220	Pulmonary fibrosis	Medical and surgical treatment
221	Dyslipidemias	Medical therapy
222	Disorders of fluid, electrolyte, and acid-base balance	Medical therapy, dialysis
223	Occupational lung diseases	Medical therapy

224	Diseases and disorders of aortic valve	Medical and surgical therapy
225	Disorders of parathyroid gland; benign neoplasm of parathyroid gland; disorders of calcium metabolism	Medical and surgical treatment
226	Acute inflammation of the heart due to rheumatic fever	Medical therapy
227	Ruptured viscus	Repair
228	Intestinal malabsorption	Medical therapy
229	Fracture of face bones; injury to optic and other cranial nerves	Surgical treatment
230	Malignant melanoma of skin	Medical and surgical treatment, which includes chemotherapy and radiation therapy
231	Urinary fistula	Surgical treatment
232	Mycobacteria, fungal infections, toxoplasmosis, and other opportunistic infections	Medical therapy
233	Hypoplastic left heart syndrome	Repair
234	Adult respiratory distress syndrome; acute respiratory failure; respiratory conditions due to physical and chemical agents	Medical therapy
235	Acute lymphocytic leukemias (adult) and multiple myeloma	Medical therapy, which includes chemotherapy and radiation therapy
236	Limb threatening vascular disease, infections, and vascular complications	Medical and surgical treatment
237	Tetanus	Medical therapy
238	Acute promyelocytic leukemia	Medical therapy, which includes chemotherapy, radiation and radionucleide therapy
239	Cancer of ovary	Medical and surgical treatment, which includes chemotherapy and radiation therapy
240	Short bowel syndrome - age 5 or under	Intestine and intestine/liver transplant
241	Conditions requiring heart-lung and lung transplantation	Heart-lung and lung transplant
242	Acute and subacute necrosis of liver; specified inborn errors of metabolism (eg. maple syrup urine disease, tyrosinemia)	Liver transplant
243	Dermatological premalignant lesions and carcinoma in situ	Destruct/excision/medical therapy
244	Primary angle-closure glaucoma	Medical, surgical and laser treatment
245	Corneal ulcer; superficial injury of eye and adnexa	Conjunctival flap; medical therapy
246	Torsion of testis	Orchiectomy, repair
247	Life-threatening epistaxis	Septoplasty/repair/control hemorrhage
248	Retained intraocular foreign body, magnetic and nonmagnetic	Foreign body removal
249	Metabolic bone disease	Medical therapy
250	Parkinson's disease	Medical therapy
251	Chronic pancreatitis	Medical therapy

252	Multiple sclerosis and other demyelinating diseases of central nervous system	Medical therapy
253	Psychological factors aggravating physical condition (eg. asthma, chronic GI conditions, hypertension)	Medical/psychotherapy
254	Arterial embolism/thrombosis: abdominal aorta, thoracic aorta	Surgical treatment
255	Chronic osteomyelitis	Medical and surgical treatment
256	Multiple endocrine neoplasia	Medical and surgical treatment
257	Deformities of head	Craniotomy/craniectomy
258	Diseases of mitral, tricuspid, and pulmonary valves	Valvuloplasty, valve replacement, medical therapy
259	Cancer of penis and other male genital organs	Medical and surgical treatment, which includes chemotherapy and radiation therapy
260	Cancer of endocrine system, excluding thyroid; carcinoid syndrome	Medical and surgical treatment, which includes chemotherapy and radiation therapy
261	Multiple myeloma	Bone marrow transplant
262	Cancer of retroperitoneum, peritoneum, omentum and mesentery	Medical and surgical treatment, which includes chemotherapy and radiation therapy
263	Cancer of lung, bronchus, pleura, trachea, mediastinum and other respiratory organs	Medical and surgical treatment, which includes chemotherapy and radiation therapy
264	Congestive heart failure, cardiomyopathy, malignant arrhythmias, and complex congenital heart disease	Cardiac transplant; heart/kidney transplant
265	Trachoma	Medical therapy
266	Acute, subacute, chronic and other types of iridocyclitis	Medical therapy
267	Dental conditions (time sensitive events)	Urgent dental services
268	Rickettsial and other arthropod-borne diseases	Medical therapy
269	Diabetes insipidus	Medical therapy
270	Advanced degenerative disorders and conditions of globe	Enucleation
271	Cancer of bladder and ureter	Medical and surgical treatment, which includes chemotherapy and radiation therapy
272	Traumatic amputation of foot/feet (complete) (partial) with and without complication	Medical and surgical treatment
273	Leprosy, yaws, pinta	Medical therapy
274	Retinopathy of prematurity	Cryosurgery
275	Urologic infections	Medical therapy
276	Cancer of skin, excluding malignant melanoma	Medical and surgical treatment, which includes chemotherapy and radiation therapy
277	Other psychotic disorders	Medical/psychotherapy
278	Hydrops fetalis	Medical therapy
279	Retinal detachment and other retinal disorders	Retinal repair, vitrectomy
280	Budd-Chiari syndrome, and other venous embolism and thrombosis	Thrombectomy/ligation

281	Life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias	Medical and surgical treatment
282	Anorexia nervosa	Medical/psychotherapy
283	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; chronic respiratory failure	Medical therapy
284	Dissecting or ruptured aortic aneurysm	Medical and surgical treatment
285	Complications of a procedure always requiring treatment	Medical and surgical treatment
286	Cancer of vagina, vulva, and other female genital organs	Medical and surgical treatment, which includes chemotherapy and radiation therapy
287	Cancer of oral cavity, pharynx, nose and larynx	Medical and surgical treatment, which includes chemotherapy and radiation therapy
288	Osteopetrosis	Bone marrow rescue and transplant
289	Crush and other injuries of digits	Medical and surgical treatment
290	Acute stress disorder	Medical/psychotherapy
291	Adrenal or cutaneous hemorrhage of fetus or neonate	Medical therapy
292	Neurological dysfunction in posture and movement caused by chronic conditions	Medical and surgical treatment (eg. durable medical equipment and orthopedic procedure)
293	Anomalies of gallbladder, bile ducts, and liver	Medical and surgical treatment
294	Cancer of brain and nervous system	Linear accelerator, medical and surgical treatment, which includes chemotherapy and radiation therapy
295	Aplastic anemias	Medical therapy
296	Cataract	Extraction of cataract
297	After cataract	Discission, lens capsule
298	Fistula involving female genital tract	Closure of fistula
299	Vitreous disorders	Vitrectomy
300	Cleft palate and/or cleft lip	Excision and repair vestibule of mouth, orthodontics
301	Gout	Medical therapy
302	Pertussis and diphtheria	Medical therapy
303	Thrombocytopenia	Medical and surgical treatment
304	Viral pneumonia	Medical therapy
305	Disorders of arteries, other than carotid or coronary	Medical and surgical treatment
306	Paralytic ileus	Medical and surgical treatment
307	Cirrhosis of liver or biliary tract; Budd-Chiari syndrome; hepatic vein thrombosis; intrahepatic vascular malformations; Caroli's disease	Liver transplant, liver-kidney transplant
308	Chronic inflammatory disorder of orbit	Medical therapy
309	Congenital dislocation of hip; coxa vara and valga	Surgical treatment
310	Corneal opacity and other disorders of cornea	Keratoplasty
311	Hearing loss - age 5 or under	Medical therapy including hearing aids, limited surgical therapy
312	Gender dysphoria/transsexualism	Medical and surgical treatment/psychotherapy
313	Disorders involving the immune system	Medical therapy

314	Cancer of esophagus; Barrett's esophagus with dysplasia	Medical and surgical treatment, which includes chemotherapy and radiation therapy
315	Cancer of liver	Medical and surgical treatment, which includes chemotherapy and radiation therapy
316	Cancer of pancreas	Medical and surgical treatment, which includes chemotherapy and radiation therapy
317	Stroke	Medical therapy
318	Purulent endophthalmitis	Vitrectomy
319	Foreign body in cornea and conjunctival sac	Removal conjunctival foreign body
320	Obesity in adults and children; overweight status in adults with cardiovascular risk factors	Behavioral interventions including intensive nutritional and physical activity counseling; bariatric surgery
321	Dermatologic hemangiomas, complicated	Medical therapy
322	Other aneurysm of peripheral artery	Surgical treatment
323	Sialoadenitis, abscess, fistula of salivary glands	Medical and surgical treatment
324	Cysticercosis, other cestode infection, trichinosis	Medical therapy
325	Non-dissecting aneurysm without rupture	Surgical treatment
326	Sensorineural hearing loss	Cochlear implant
327	Functional and mechanical disorders of the genitourinary system including bladder outlet obstruction	Medical and surgical treatment
328	Disseminated intravascular coagulation	Medical and surgical treatment
329	Cancer of prostate gland	Medical and surgical treatment, which includes chemotherapy and radiation therapy
330	Systemic sclerosis; Sjogren's syndrome	Medical therapy
331	Acute promyelocytic leukemia	Bone marrow transplant
332	Conditions requiring hyperbaric oxygen therapy	Hyperbaric oxygen
333	Benign cerebral cysts	Drainage
334	Alcoholic fatty liver or alcoholic hepatitis, cirrhosis of liver	Medical therapy
335	Scleritis	Medical therapy
336	Rubeosis and other disorders of the iris	Laser surgery
337	Wound of eye globe	Surgical repair
338	Acute necrosis of liver	Medical therapy
339	Chronic kidney disease	Medical therapy including dialysis
340	Hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia	Excision
341	Rheumatic fever	Medical therapy
342	Other and unspecified anterior pituitary hyperfunction, benign neoplasm of thyroid gland and other endocrine glands	Medical and surgical treatment, which includes radiation therapy
343	Dental conditions (eg. caries, fractured tooth)	Basic restorative (e.g. composite restorations for anterior teeth, amalgam restorations for posterior teeth)
344	Dental conditions (eg. severe caries, infection)	Oral surgery (i.e. extractions and other intraoral surgical procedures)

345	Neurological dysfunction in communication caused by chronic conditions	Medical therapy
346	Conditions of the back and spine with urgent surgical indications	Surgical therapy
347	Cardiac arrhythmias	Medical therapy, pacemaker
348	Mild/moderate birth trauma for baby	Medical therapy
349	Non-limb threatening peripheral vascular disease	Surgical treatment
350	Sarcoidosis	Medical therapy
351	Strabismus due to neurologic disorder	Medical and surgical treatment
352	Urinary system calculus	Medical and surgical treatment
353	Structural causes of amenorrhea	Surgical treatment
354	Penetrating wound of orbit	Medical and surgical treatment
355	Closed fracture of extremities (except minor toes)	Open or closed reduction
356	Rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis, osteochondritis dissecans, and aseptic necrosis of bone	Arthroplasty/reconstruction
357	Conditions of pulmonary artery	Surgical treatment
358	Body infestations (eg. lice, scabies)	Medical therapy
359	Deformity/closed dislocation of joint and recurrent joint dislocations	Surgical treatment
360	Chorioretinal inflammation	Medical, surgical, and laser treatment
361	Scoliosis	Medical and surgical therapy
362	Dystonia (uncontrollable); laryngeal spasm	Medical therapy
363	Cyst and pseudocyst of pancreas	Drainage of pancreatic cyst
364	Acute sinusitis	Medical and surgical treatment
365	Hyphema	Removal of blood clot
366	Allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis	Medical therapy
367	Entropion and trichiasis of eyelid	Repair
368	Streptococcal sore throat and scarlet fever; Vincent's disease; ulcer of tonsil; unilateral hypertrophy of tonsil	Medical therapy, tonsillectomy/adenoidectomy
369	Intestinal parasites	Medical therapy
370	Amblyopia	Medical and surgical treatment
371	Encephalocele	Surgical treatment
372	Benign neoplasm of respiratory and intrathoracic organs	Lobectomy, medical therapy, which includes radiation therapy
373	Acne conglobata (severe cystic acne)	Medical and surgical treatment
374	Retinal tear	Laser prophylaxis
375	Cholesteatoma; infections of the pinna	Medical and surgical treatment
376	Disruptions of the ligaments and tendons of the arms and legs, excluding the knee, resulting in significant injury/impairment	Repair

377	Dysfunction resulting in loss of ability to maximize level of independence in self-directed care caused by chronic conditions that cause neurological dysfunction	Medical therapy (short term rehabilitation with defined goals)
378	Esophageal stricture; achalasia	Medical and surgical treatment
379	Chronic ulcer of skin	Medical and surgical treatment
380	Esophagitis; GERD	Short-term medical therapy; surgical treatment
381	Bulimia nervosa and unspecified eating disorders	Medical/psychotherapy
382	Late syphilis	Medical therapy
383	Central serous chorioretinopathy	Medical and surgical treatment
384	Dental conditions (e.g. pulpal pathology, permanent anterior tooth)	Basic endodontics (i.e. root canal therapy)
385	Superficial injuries with infection	Medical and surgical treatment
386	Pituitary dwarfism	Medical therapy
387	Anogenital viral warts	Medical and surgical treatment
388	Separation anxiety disorder	Medical/psychotherapy
389	Acute otitis media	Medical and surgical treatment
390	Intestinal disaccharidase and other deficiencies	Medical therapy
391	Panic disorder; agoraphobia	Medical/psychotherapy
392	Croup syndrome, epiglottitis, acute laryngotracheitis	Medical therapy, intubation, tracheotomy
393	Strabismus without amblyopia and other disorders of binocular eye movements; congenital anomalies of eye; lacrimal duct obstruction in children	Medical and surgical treatment
394	Anal fistula	Sphincterotomy, fissurectomy, fistulectomy, medical therapy
395	Endometriosis and adenomyosis	Medical and surgical treatment
396	Acute myeloid leukemia	Bone marrow transplant and medical therapy, which includes chemotherapy, radiation and radionucleide therapy
397	Myeloid disorders	Medical therapy, which includes chemotherapy and radiation therapy
398	Influenza	Medical therapy
399	Chronic myeloid leukemia	Bone marrow transplant
400	Benign conditions of bone and joints at high risk for complications	Medical and surgical treatment, which includes chemotherapy and radiation therapy
401	Conditions of the back and spine	Risk assessment, physical modalities, cognitive behavioral therapy, medical therapy
402	Lymphadenitis	Medical and surgical treatment
403	Uterine leiomyoma and polyps	Surgical treatment
404	Aphakia and other disorders of lens	Medical and surgical therapy
405	Bilateral anomalies of external ear with impairment of hearing	Reconstruct of ear canal
406	Dissociative disorders	Medical/psychotherapy

407	Epidermolysis bullosa	Medical therapy
408	Delirium due to medical causes	Medical therapy
409	Migraine headaches	Medical therapy
410	Dental conditions (eg. pulpal pathology, permanent bicuspid/premolar tooth)	Basic endodontics (i.e. root canal therapy)
411	Schizotypal personality disorders	Medical/psychotherapy
412	Balanoposthitis and other disorders of penis	Medical and surgical treatment
413	Overanxious disorder; generalized anxiety disorder; anxiety disorder, unspecified	Medical/psychotherapy
414	Transient cerebral ischemia; occlusion/stenosis of precerebral arteries without occlusion	Medical therapy; thromboendarterectomy
415	Peripheral nerve entrapment; palmar fascial fibromatosis	Medical and surgical treatment
416	Meniere's disease	Medical and surgical treatment
417	Disorders of shoulder, including sprains/strains grade 4 through 6	Repair/reconstruction, medical therapy
418	Chronic leukemias with poor prognosis	Medical therapy, which includes chemotherapy, radiation and radionucleide therapy
419	Oppositional defiant disorder	Medical/psychotherapy
420	Menstrual bleeding disorders	Medical and surgical treatment
421	Lymphedema	Medical therapy, other operation on lymph channel
422	Complications of a procedure usually requiring treatment	Medical and surgical treatment
423	Adrenogenital disorders	Medical and surgical treatment
424	Severe inflammatory skin disease	Medical therapy
425	Acute peripheral motor and digital nerve injury	Surgical therapy
426	Non-malignant otitis externa	Medical therapy
427	Vaginitis and cervicitis	Medical therapy
428	Noninflammatory disorders and benign neoplasms of ovary, fallopian tubes and uterus; ovarian cysts; gonadal dysgenesis	Medical and surgical treatment
429	Urethral fistula	Excision, medical therapy
430	Internal derangement of knee and ligamentous disruptions of the knee, resulting in significant injury/impairment	Repair, medical therapy
431	Persistent depressive disorder	Medical/psychotherapy
432	Hypospadias and epispadias	Repair
433	Cancer of gallbladder and other biliary	Medical and surgical treatment, which includes chemotherapy and radiation therapy
434	Precancerous vulvar conditions	Medical therapy
435	Recurrent erosion of the cornea	Anterior stromal puncture, removal of corneal epithelium; with or without chemocauterization
436	Stereotypy/habit disorder and self-abusive behavior due to neurological dysfunction	Consultation/medication management/limited behavioral modification

437	Foreign body in uterus, vulva and vagina	Medical and surgical treatment
438	Residual foreign body in soft tissue	Removal
439	Venous tributary (branch) occlusion; central retinal vein occlusion	Surgical treatment including laser surgery, medical therapy including injection
440	Trigeminal and other nerve disorders	Medical and surgical treatment, which includes radiation therapy
441	Malunion and nonunion of fracture	Surgical treatment
442	Dental conditions (eg. pulpal pathology, permanent molar tooth)	Basic endodontics (i.e. root canal therapy)
443	Adjustment disorders	Medical/psychotherapy
444	Hearing loss - over age of five	Medical therapy including hearing aids, limited surgical therapy
445	Tourette's disorder and tic disorders	Medical/psychotherapy
446	Atherosclerosis, aortic and renal	Medical and surgical treatment
447	Degeneration of macula and posterior pole	Medical, surgical and laser treatment
448	Reactive attachment disorder of infancy or early childhood	Medical/psychotherapy
449	Disorders of refraction and accommodation	Medical therapy
450	Exophthalmos and cysts of the eye and orbit	Surgical treatment
451	Dental conditions (eg. missing teeth, prosthesis failure)	Removable prosthodontics (e.g. full and partial dentures, relines)
452	Rectal prolapse	Surgical treatment
453	Urinary incontinence	Medical and surgical treatment
454	Disorders of plasma protein metabolism	Medical therapy
455	Dental conditions (e.g. pulpal pathology, permanent anterior tooth)	Advanced endodontics (e.g. retreatment of previous root canal therapy)
456	Simple phobias and social anxiety disorder	Medical/psychotherapy
457	Acute bronchitis and bronchiolitis	Medical therapy
458	Central pterygium affecting vision	Excision or transposition of pterygium without graft, radiation therapy
459	Branchial cleft cyst; thyroglossal duct cyst; cyst of pharynx or nasopharynx	Excision, medical therapy
460	Obsessive-compulsive disorders	Medical/psychotherapy
461	Osteoarthritis and allied disorders	Medical therapy, injections
462	Atelectasis (collapse of lung)	Medical therapy
463	Chronic sinusitis	Medical and surgical treatment
464	Uterine prolapse; cystocele	Medical and surgical treatment
465	Brachial plexus lesions	Medical therapy
466	Dental conditions (eg. caries, fractured tooth)	Advanced restorative (i.e. basic crowns)
467	Gonadal dysfunction, menopausal management	Oophorectomy, orchiectomy, hormonal replacement for purposes other than infertility
468	Encopresis not due to a physiological condition	Medical/psychotherapy

469	Acquired ptosis and other eyelid disorders with vision impairment	Ptosis repair
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470	Keratoconjunctivitis	Medical and surgical treatment
471	Selective mutism	Medical/psychotherapy
472	Thrombosed and complicated hemorrhoids	Hemorrhoidectomy, incision
473	Chronic otitis media; open wound of ear drum	PE tubes/adenoidectomy/tympanoplasty, medical therapy
474	Otosclerosis	Medical and surgical treatment
475	Foreign body in ear and nose	Removal of foreign body
476	Closed dislocations/fractures of non-cervical vertebral column without neurologic injury or structural instability	Medical and surgical treatment
477	Conduct disorder, age 18 or under	Medical/psychotherapy
478	Breast cysts and other disorders of the breast	Medical and surgical treatment
479	Cysts of Bartholin's gland and vulva	Incision and drainage, medical therapy
480	Lichen planus	Medical therapy
481	Rupture of synovium	Removal of Baker's cyst
482	Enophthalmos	Orbital implant
483	Bell's palsy, exposure keratoconjunctivitis	Tarsorrhaphy
484	Peripheral enthesopathies	Medical therapy
485	Angioedema	Medical therapy
486	Closed fracture of one or more phalanges of the foot, not including the great toe	Medical and surgical treatment
487	Dermatophytosis of nail, groin, and foot and other dermatomycosis	Medical and surgical treatment
488	Closed fractures of ribs, sternum and coccyx	Medical therapy
489	Spastic diplegia	Rhizotomy
490	Dental conditions (eg. periodontal disease)	Advanced periodontics (e.g. surgical procedures and splinting)
491	Hepatorenal syndrome	Medical therapy
492	Paraphilias and other psychosexual disorders	Medical/psychotherapy
493	Ectropion and benign neoplasm of eye	Ectropion repair
494	Raynaud's syndrome	Medical therapy
495	Calcium pyrophosphate deposition disease (CPPD) and hydroxyapatite deposition disease	Medical therapy
496	Phimosis	Surgical treatment
497	Cerumen impaction	Removal of ear wax
498	Sialolithiasis, mucocele, disturbance of salivary secretion, other and unspecified diseases of salivary glands	Medical and surgical treatment
499	Chronic conjunctivitis, blepharoconjunctivitis	Medical therapy
500	Conditions for which certain treatments result in marginal clinical benefit or low cost-effectiveness	Medical and surgical treatment

501	Other disorders of synovium, tendon and bursa, costochondritis, and chondrodystrophy	Medical therapy
502	Erythematous conditions	Medical therapy
503	Peripheral enthesopathies	Surgical treatment
504	Nasal polyps, other disorders of nasal cavity and sinuses	Medical and surgical treatment
505	Dental conditions (e.g. pulpal pathology, permanent bicuspid/premolar tooth)	Advanced endodontics (e.g. retreatment of previous root canal therapy)
506	Circumscribed scleroderma	Medical therapy
507	Peripheral nerve disorders	Medical therapy
508	Dysfunction of nasolacrimal system in adults; lacrimal system laceration	Medical and surgical treatment
509	Benign neoplasm of kidney and other urinary organs	Medical and surgical treatment
510	Vertiginous syndromes and other disorders of vestibular system	Medical and surgical treatment
511	Esophagitis and GERD; esophageal spasm; asymptomatic diaphragmatic hernia	Medical therapy
512	Hidradenitis suppurativa; dissecting cellulitis of the scalp	Medical therapy
513	Chronic prostatitis, other disorders of prostate	Medical therapy
514	Phlebitis and thrombophlebitis, superficial	Medical therapy
515	Disorders of sweat glands	Medical therapy
516	Paralysis of vocal cords or larynx	Incision/excision/endoscopy
517	Postthrombotic syndrome	Medical therapy
518	Foreign body in gastrointestinal tract without risk of perforation or obstruction	Medical therapy
519	Panniculitis	Medical therapy
520	Rosacea; acne	Medical and surgical treatment
521	Sexual dysfunction	Psychotherapy, medical and surgical treatment
522	Uncomplicated hernia and ventral hernia (other than inguinal hernia in children age 18 and under or diaphragmatic hernia)	Repair
523	Benign neoplasm of nasal cavities, middle ear and accessory sinuses	Excision, reconstruction
524	Chronic anal fissure	Sphincterotomy, fissurectomy, fistulectomy, medical therapy
525	Deformities of upper body and all limbs	Repair/revision/reconstruction/relocation/medical therapy
526	Disorders of function of stomach and other functional digestive disorders	Medical and surgical therapy
527	Conditions of the back and spine without urgent surgical indications	Surgical therapy
528	Fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue syndrome, and related disorders	Medical therapy

529	Chronic pelvic inflammatory disease, pelvic pain syndrome, dyspareunia	Medical and surgical treatment
530	Atopic dermatitis	Medical therapy
531	Contact dermatitis and other eczema	Medical therapy
532	Hypotension	Medical therapy
533	Viral, self-limiting encephalitis, myelitis and encephalomyelitis	Medical therapy
534	Peripheral nerve disorders	Surgical treatment
535	Dental conditions (e.g. pulpal pathology, permanent molar tooth)	Advanced endodontics (e.g. retreatment of previous root canal therapy)
536	Ichthyosis	Medical therapy
537	Lesion of plantar nerve; plantar fascial fibromatosis	Medical therapy, excision
538	Tension headaches	Medical therapy
539	Mild psoriasis; dermatophytosis: scalp, hand, body, deep-seated	Medical therapy
540	Deformities of foot	Fasciotomy/incision/repair/arthrodesis
541	Foreign body granuloma of muscle, skin and subcutaneous tissue	Removal of granuloma
542	Hydrocele	Medical therapy, excision
543	Symptomatic urticaria	Medical therapy
544	Impulse disorders	Medical/psychotherapy
545	Sublingual, scrotal, and pelvic varices	Venous injection, vascular surgery
546	Aseptic meningitis	Medical therapy
547	TMJ disorder	TMJ splints
548	Chronic disease of tonsils and adenoids	Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy
549	Somatic symptoms and related disorders	Consultation
550	Other noninfectious gastroenteritis and colitis	Medical therapy
551	Hematoma of auricle or pinna and hematoma of external ear	Drainage
552	Mild eczematous and other hypertrophic or atrophic conditions of skin	Medical therapy
553	Chondromalacia	Medical therapy
554	Cyst of kidney, acquired	Medical therapy
555	Dysmenorrhea	Medical and surgical treatment
556	Benign neoplasm of bone and articular cartilage including osteoid osteomas; benign neoplasm of connective and other soft tissue	Medical and surgical treatment, which includes chemotherapy and radiation therapy
557	Spastic dysphonia	Medical therapy
558	Macromastia	Breast reduction
559	Allergic rhinitis and conjunctivitis, chronic rhinitis	Medical therapy
560	Cancer of liver and intrahepatic bile ducts	Liver transplant
561	Benign neoplasm and conditions of external female genital organs	Excision

562	Hordeolum and other deep inflammation of eyelid; chalazion	Incision and drainage, medical therapy
563	Acute anal fissure	Fissurectomy, medical therapy
564	Pleurisy	Medical therapy
565	Peritoneal adhesion	Surgical treatment
566	Dermatitis due to substances taken internally	Medical therapy
567	Blepharitis	Medical therapy
568	Unspecified urinary obstruction and benign prostatic hyperplasia without obstruction	Medical therapy
569	Other complications of a procedure	Medical and surgical treatment
570	Anemias due to disease	Medical therapy
571	Personality disorders excluding borderline and schizotypal	Medical/psychotherapy
572	Acute non-suppurative labyrinthitis	Medical therapy
573	Deviated nasal septum, acquired deformity of nose, other diseases of upper respiratory tract	Excision of cyst/rhinectomy/prosthesis
574	Stomatitis and other diseases of oral soft tissues	Incision and drainage, medical therapy
575	Cavus deformity of foot; flat foot; polydactyly and syndactyly of toes	Medical therapy, orthotic
576	Infectious mononucleosis	Medical therapy
577	Urethritis, non-sexually transmitted	Medical therapy
578	Congenital anomalies of female genital organs excluding vagina	Surgical treatment
579	Thrombotic disorders	Medical therapy
580	Candidiasis of mouth, skin and nails	Medical therapy
581	Benign neoplasm of male genital organs: testis, prostate, epididymis	Medical and surgical treatment
582	Atrophy of edentulous alveolar ridge	Vestibuloplasty, grafts, implants
583	Disease of nails, hair and hair follicles	Medical therapy
584	Acute tonsillitis other than beta-streptococcal	Medical therapy
585	Corns and calluses	Medical therapy
586	Synovitis and tenosynovitis	Medical therapy
587	Prolapsed urethral mucosa	Surgical treatment
588	Dental conditions (eg. caries, fractured tooth)	Advanced restorative-elective (inlays, onlays, gold foil and high noble metal restorations)
589	Secondary and ill-defined malignant neoplasms	Medical and surgical treatment
590	Ganglion	Excision
591	Episcleritis	Medical therapy
592	Diaper rash	Medical therapy
593	Tongue tie and other anomalies of tongue	Frenotomy, tongue tie
594	Inconsequential cysts of oral soft tissues	Incision and drainage
595	Congenital deformities of knee	Medical and surgical treatment
596	Chronic pancreatitis	Surgical treatment

597	Herpes simplex without complications, excluding genital herpes	Medical therapy
598	Dental conditions (eg. missing teeth)	Complex prosthodontics (i.e. fixed bridges, overdentures)
599	Congenital anomalies of the ear without impairment of hearing; unilateral anomalies of the ear	Otoplasty, repair and amputation
600	Keloid scar; other abnormal granulation tissue	Intralesional injections/destruction/excision, radiation therapy
601	Disorders of soft tissue	Medical therapy
602	Minor burns	Medical therapy
603	Disorders of sleep without sleep apnea	Medical therapy
604	Oral aphthae	Medical therapy
605	Sprains and strains of adjacent muscles and joints, minor	Medical therapy
606	Asymptomatic urticaria	Medical therapy
607	Fingertip avulsion	Repair without pedicle graft
608	Abuse of nonaddictive substances	Medical therapy
609	Minor head injury: hematoma/edema with no persistent symptoms	Medical therapy
610	Viral warts excluding venereal warts	Medical and surgical treatment, cryosurgery
611	Acute upper respiratory infections and common cold	Medical therapy
612	Other viral infections	Medical therapy
613	Pharyngitis and laryngitis and other diseases of vocal cords	Medical therapy
614	Anomalies of relationship of jaw to cranial base, major anomalies of jaw size, other specified and unspecified dentofacial anomalies	Osteoplasty, maxilla/mandible
615	Dental conditions (eg. malocclusion)	Orthodontia (i.e. fixed and removable appliances and associated surgical procedures)
616	Dental conditions (eg. missing teeth)	Implants (i.e. implant placement and associated crown or prosthesis)
617	Benign lesions of tongue	Excision
618	Uncomplicated hemorrhoids	Hemorrhoidectomy, medical therapy
619	Prevention services with limited or no evidence of effectiveness	Medical therapy
620	Open wound of internal structures of mouth without complication	Repair soft tissues
621	Sebaceous cyst	Medical and surgical treatment
622	Seborrheic keratosis, dyschromia, and vascular disorders, scar conditions, and fibrosis of skin	Medical and surgical treatment
623	Redundant prepuce	Elective circumcision
624	Conjunctival cyst	Excision of conjunctival cyst
625	Benign neoplasms of skin and other soft tissues	Medical therapy
626	Disease of capillaries	Excision

627	Benign cervical conditions	Medical therapy
628	Cyst, hemorrhage, and infarction of thyroid	Surgical treatment
629	Pica	Medical/psychotherapy
630	Acute viral conjunctivitis	Medical therapy
631	Muscular calcification and ossification	Medical therapy
632	Superficial wounds without infection and contusions	Medical therapy
633	Chronic bronchitis	Medical therapy
634	Galactorrhea, mastodynia, atrophy, benign neoplasms and unspecified disorders of the breast	Medical and surgical treatment
635	Benign polyps of vocal cords	Medical therapy, stripping
636	Benign neoplasms of digestive system	Surgical treatment
637	Varicose veins of lower extremities without ulcer or other major complication	Stripping/sclerotherapy, medical therapy
638	Hypertelorism of orbit	Orbitotomy
639	Gallstones without cholecystitis; biliary colic	Medical therapy, cholecystectomy
640	Gynecomastia	Mastectomy
641	TMJ disorders	TMJ surgery
642	Edema and other conditions involving the skin of the fetus and newborn	Medical therapy
643	Dental conditions where treatment is chosen primarily for aesthetic considerations	Cosmetic dental services
644	Dental conditions where treatment results in marginal improvement	Elective dental services
645	Agenesis of lung	Medical therapy
646	Central retinal artery occlusion	Paracentesis of aqueous
647	Mental disorders with no or minimally effective treatments or no treatment necessary	Evaluation
648	Intracranial conditions with no or minimally effective treatments or no treatment necessary	Evaluation
649	Infectious diseases with no or minimally effective treatments or no treatment necessary	Evaluation
650	Endocrine and metabolic conditions with no or minimally effective treatments or no treatment necessary	Evaluation
651	Cardiovascular conditions with no or minimally effective treatments or no treatment necessary	Evaluation
652	Sensory organ conditions with no or minimally effective treatments or no treatment necessary	Evaluation
653	Neurologic conditions with no or minimally effective treatments or no treatment necessary	Evaluation
654	Dermatological conditions with no or minimally effective treatments or no treatment necessary	Evaluation
655	Respiratory conditions with no or minimally effective treatments or no treatment necessary	Evaluation

656	Genitourinary conditions with no or minimally effective treatments or no treatment necessary	Evaluation
657	Musculoskeletal conditions with no or minimally effective treatments or no treatment necessary	Evaluation
658	Gastrointestinal conditions with no or minimally effective treatments or no treatment necessary	Evaluation
659	Miscellaneous conditions with no or minimally effective treatments or no treatment necessary	Evaluation
660	Conditions for which certain treatments have no clinically important benefit or have harms that outweigh benefits	Medical and surgical treatments

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Guideline note D1: Non-prenatal genetic testing guideline

Guideline note D2: Implantable cardiac loop recorders

Guideline note D3: Echocardiograms with contrast for cardiac conditions other than cardiac anomalies

Guideline note D4: Advanced imaging for low back pain

Guideline note D5: Neuroimaging for headache

Guideline note D6: MRI for breast cancer screening

Guideline note D7: Neuroimaging in dementia

Guideline note D8: Diagnostic testing for obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) in adults

Guideline note D9: MRI for breast cancer diagnosis

Guideline note D10: MRI in multiple sclerosis

Guideline note D11: MRI of the spine (cervical and thoracic)

Guideline note D12:	Upper endoscopy for GERD or dyspepsia symptoms
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Guideline note D14:	Lung cancer screening
Guideline note D15:	Computer-aided mammography
Guideline note D16:	Osteoporosis screening and monitoring in adults
Guideline note D17:	Prenatal genetic testing
Guideline note D18:	Advanced imaging for staging of prostate cancer
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Guideline note 8:	Bariatric surgery
Guideline note 9:	Wireless capsule endoscopy
Guideline note 10:	Central serous chorioretinopathy and posterior cyclitis
Guideline note 11:	Colony stimulating factor (CSF) guidelines
Guideline note 12:	Treatment of cancer with little or no benefit
Guideline note 13:	Hemangiomas, complicated
Guideline note 14:	Second bone marrow transplants
Guideline note 15:	Heterotopic bone formation
Guideline note 16:	Proton beam therapy for cancer
Guideline note 17:	Preventive dental care
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Guideline note 19:	PET scan guidelines
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Guideline note 30:	Testicular cancer
Guideline note 31:	Cochlear implantation
Guideline note 32:	Cataract
Guideline note 33:	Nitrous oxide for labor pain
Guideline note 34:	Extraction of impacted wisdom teeth
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Guideline note 36:	Adenotonsillectomy for indications other than obstructive sleep apnea
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Guideline note 62:	Negative pressure wound therapy
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Guideline note 65:	Telephone and email consultations
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Guideline note 69:	Electroconvulsive therapy (ECT)
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Guideline note 71:	Hip resurfacing
Guideline note 72:	Congenital urologic conditions
Guideline note 73:	Penile anomalies
Guideline note 74:	Growth hormone treatment
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Guideline note 76:	Diagnostic testing for liver fibrosis to guide treatment of hepatitis C in non-cirrhotic patients
Guideline note 77:	TIPS procedure
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Guideline note 86:	Organic mental disorders
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Guideline note 88:	Use of progesterone containing IUDs for non-contraceptive indications
Guideline note 89:	Revascularization for chronic stable angina
Guideline note 90:	Cognitive rehabilitation
Guideline note 91:	Caries arresting medicament application
Guideline note 92:	Acupuncture
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Guideline note 95:	Immune modifying therapies for multiple sclerosis
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Guideline note 99:	Routine prenatal ultrasound
Guideline note 100:	Smoking and spinal fusion
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Guideline note 102:	Repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation
Guideline note 103:	Bone anchored hearing aids
Guideline note 104:	Viscosupplementation of the knee
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Guideline note 109:	Vertebroplasty, kyphoplasty, and sacroplasty
Guideline note 110:	Chronic pelvic inflammatory conditions
Guideline note 111:	Intra-aortic balloon pumps
Guideline note 112:	Lung volume reduction surgery
Guideline note 113:	Diseases of lips
Guideline note 114:	Femoroacetabular impingement syndrome
Guideline note 115:	Extracorporeal photopheresis
Guideline note 116:	Intraocular steroid treatments
Guideline note 117:	Removal of tori and excision of hyperplastic tissue
Guideline note 118:	Obstructive sleep apnea diagnosis and treatment for children
Guideline note 119:	Carotid endarterectomy
Guideline note 120:	Pediatric trigger thumb
Guideline note 121:	Concussion and post concussion syndrome
Guideline note 122:	Oral health risk assessment in medical settings
Guideline note 123:	Dental fillings for posterior teeth
Guideline note 124:	Alcohol septal ablation
Guideline note 125:	Carotid artery stenting
Guideline note 126:	Applied behavior analysis interventions for self-injurious behavior
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Guideline note 138:	Obstructive and reflux uropathy
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Guideline note 141:	Laryngeal stenosis or paralysis; dysphonia
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Guideline note 144:	Proton pump inhibitor therapy for gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD)

- Guideline note 145: Treatments for benign prostate enlargement with lower urinary tract symptoms
- Guideline note 146: Ablation procedures for atrial fibrillation
- Guideline note 147: IVC filters for active pulmonary embolism(PE)/deep vein thrombosis (DVT)
- Guideline note 148: Biomarker tests of cancer tissue
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- Guideline note 151: Cardiac transplant genetic testing for transplant rejection
- Guideline note 152: Unspecified conduct disorder
- Guideline note 153: Planned out-of-hospital birth
- Guideline note 154: Ear drum repair
- Guideline note 155: Electric tumor treatment fields for glioblastoma
- Guideline note 156: Encounter for desensitization to allergens
- Guideline note 157: Wigs
- Guideline note 158: Hallux rigidus
- Guideline note 159: Smoking and surgical treatment of erectile dysfunction
- Guideline note 160: Congenital muscular torticollis
- Guideline note 161: Sacroiliac anesthetic injections and sacroiliac joint fusion
- Guideline note 162: Long-acting reversible contraceptive (LARC) placement
- Guideline note 163: Skin substitutes for chronic skin ulcers
- Guideline note 164: Percutaneous repair of paravalvular leaks
- Guideline note 165: Fecal microbiota transplant
- Guideline note 166: Breast reduction surgery for macromastia
- Guideline note 167: Cholecystitis
- Guideline note 168: Treatments with marginal clinical benefit or low cost-effectiveness for certain conditions
- Guideline note 169: Treatments that have no clinically important benefit or have harms that outweigh benefits for certain conditions

Appendix D: Evidence-based reports

Coverage guidances are evidence-based reports that include recommendations to payers and providers on Oregonians' use of health resources. Recently, HERC added a new kind of evidence report, addressing multisector interventions. These reports address interventions outside the clinical delivery system that may affect health outcomes. Note that multisector interventions are not required Oregon Health Plan benefits; they are appended to the Prioritized List for informational purposes only.

The Health Evidence Review Commission approved the following evidence-based reports from August 2015 through March 2017 (approval date noted in parentheses). After approval, reports have in the past been reviewed every two years to determine if new evidence would result in a change in recommendation. Those reports reaffirmed from a re-review are highlighted with an asterisk.

In the future, to better use staff resources, evidence-based reports will be updated only when requested by interested parties or when staff otherwise becomes aware of the need for an update. Where indicated, the new report resulted in approved changes to the Prioritized List. The "List changes" column in the table below indicates whether changes to the Prioritized List were approved between August 2015 and March 2017 in conjunction with these coverage guidance approvals. Note that no list changes resulted from topics that were re-reviewed, but most of these coverage guidances resulted in list changes when they were initially approved.

Evidence-based status

Evidence-based report	Approval date	List changes	Report type
Biomarker Tests of Cancer Tissue for Prognosis and Potential Response to Treatment	8/13/2015	Yes	Coverage guidance
Planned Out-of-hospital Birth	11/12/2015	Yes	Coverage guidance
Vertebroplasty, Kyphoplasty and Sacroplasty*	1/14/2016	No	Coverage guidance
Self-Monitoring of Blood Glucose for Type 1 & 2 Diabetes*	1/14/2016	No	Coverage guidance
Proton Beam Therapy	1/14/2016	Yes	Coverage guidance
PET Scan for Breast Cancer*	1/14/2016	No	Coverage guidance
Nitrous Oxide Use for Labor Pain Management	1/14/2016	Yes	Coverage guidance
Neuroimaging for Headache*	1/14/2016	No	Coverage guidance
MRI for Breast Cancer Diagnosis*	1/14/2016	No	Coverage guidance
Induction of Labor*	1/14/2016	No	Coverage guidance
Cervical Cancer Screening*	1/14/2016 (retired)	No	Coverage guidance
Carotid Endarterectomy*	1/14/2016	No	Coverage guidance
Tobacco Cessation during Pregnancy	8/11/2016	Yes*†	Coverage guidance/ multisector interventions report
Noninvasive Testing for Liver Fibrosis in patients with Chronic Hepatitis C	10/6/2016	Yes	Coverage guidance
Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery	10/6/2016	Yes	Coverage guidance
Timing of Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptive Placement	11/10/2016	Yes	Coverage guidance
Multisector Interventions for Obesity	11/10/2016	N/A†	Multisector interventions report
Digital Breast Tomosynthesis (3D Mammography) for Breast Cancer Screening in Average Risk Women	3/9/2017	No	

* *Recommendations included in previous report reaffirmed upon re-review.*

† *Multisector Interventions listed at the end of the Prioritized List but do not constitute part of the OHP benefit package.*



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