

Objective:

To ensure that Oregon Health Plan (OHP) members are not excluded from necessary or appropriate medical services just because their diagnoses fall on a non funded line. Consideration will be given to any medically related condition that may have significant improved outcomes if the non funded condition is treated.

Definition:

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

Policy:

- I Oregon Health Plan members, with co-morbid conditions, will have those conditions considered when determining eligibility for services which otherwise may not be covered as not meeting funding line requirements.
- II If a medication is prescribed for a non-covered diagnosis, the medication will not be covered unless there is a co-morbid condition for which coverage would be extended. The use of the medication must meet corresponding treatment guidelines, be included within the client's benefit package of covered services, and not otherwise excluded or limited.
- III Services that are not normally covered at all by the Oregon Health Plan (such as experimental procedures and non FDA approved medications) are not subject to consideration under this policy.
- IV. The OHP member concurrently has a medically related uncompensated condition that is causing or exacerbating the funded condition. Before denying treatment for an uncompensated condition, especially a member with a disability or a co-morbid condition, THA Medical Management will determine whether the member has a funded condition/treatment pair that would entitle the member to treatment.

- A. Any funded or uncompensated co-morbid condition or disability must be represented by an ICD-9-CM diagnosis code. When the condition is a mental disorder, it is represented by DSM-IV diagnosis code to the highest level of axis specificity.
 - B. To identify if the diagnosis is above or below the funded line, the ICD-9 diagnosis can be compared with the Division of Medical Assistance Programs (DMAP) Prioritized List via the DMAP website.
 - C. Treating the uncompensated medically related condition will significantly improve the outcome of treating the funded condition.
- V. All requests for services which meet the above requirements must be reviewed by THA Medical Management department. Findings must take into consideration the following:
- A. Opinion of the treating physician
 - B. Medical research
 - C. Community standards of care
 - D. Current peer review

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