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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

CHAPTER 1

1. Section 3.1. Added Extracorporeal photopheresis is proven and may be considered for cost-sharing when the diagnosis is Bronchiolitis Obliterans Syndrome (BOS).
2. Section 16.1. XSTOP Interspinous Process Decompression System remains unproven and was added as an exclusion.

CHAPTER 4

3. Section 6.1.
 - a. Added CPT Codes and HCPCS code for the XSTOP Interspinous Process Decompression System which remains unproven and listed as an exclusion.
 - b. Repositioned and clarified existing language for hip arthroscopy in the EXCLUSION listing.
4. Section 9.2. Extracorporeal photopheresis for the treatment of Bronchiolitis Obliterans Syndrome (BOS) that is refractory to immunosuppressive drug treatment is proven and may be considered for cost-sharing under the rare disease policy.

CHAPTER 5

5. Section 1.1. Spelled out acronym CAD as "Computer-Aided Detection" since CAD, meaning Coronary Artery Disease is used in the same section.

CHAPTER 7

6. Section 27.1. Botulinum toxin A injections to treat spasticity in flexor muscles of the elbow, wrist, and finger (upper limb spasticity) in adults is proven and added for coverage, effective March 9, 2010.

