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Uterine Cancer Coverage

Preparation and Implementation

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Prior to January 18, 2023

- Certain types of uterine cancers were covered based on meeting the definition of “Rare Cancers:”
 - Uterine sarcomas
 - Invasive cervical cancer
- Endometrial cancer is not considered a Rare Cancer – therefore, was not covered

January 18, 2023

- Uterine Cancer added to the List of WTC-Related Health Conditions
 - Umbrella term including for all types of uterine cancer: uterine sarcomas and endometrial
- Previously covered as a rare cancer:
 - Uterine sarcomas
- Added:
 - Endometrial Cancer
 - Cancer of the endometrium – the inner lining of the uterine body
 - Endometrial intraepithelial neoplasia (EIN)
 - Precursor lesion

The remainder of this presentation refers to the operationalization of the additional type of uterine cancer the Program can now cover, *endometrial cancer*.

Preparation for Implementation

- **Pharmacy** – Identified drugs used to treat endometrial cancer and updated the formulary
- **Medical** – Updated the benefits system with condition codes to be used for endometrial cancer certifications; updated procedure codes for treatment; developed medical procedures document describing eligibility criteria and coverage for endometrial cancer
- **Training** – Trained CCE/NPN providers on coverage
- **Contracts** – Technical guidance instructing CCEs/NPN regarding claims submission and adjudication

Preparation for Implementation (continued)

- **Communications – Developed a comprehensive Communications Plan to raise awareness, which included:**
 - A press release for media outlets that resulted in extensive (print/broadcast) coverage
 - Social Media messaging
 - Updated Program home page and news page, Member Handbook, and Administrative Manual
 - Changed “some types of cancer” to “all cancers” on various webpages; added “uterine” to listed cancer examples
 - Developed messaging for use by CDC with press and Congressional offices
 - Letter to all members notifying them of the addition
 - Communication to VCF, WTC Health Registry, Outreach & Education partners, and CCEs/NPN to share consistent messaging
 - Updated FAQs for website and media inquiries
 - Informed call centers of messaging
 - Article for annual Member Newsletter (slated for late February 2023)
 - Translation of stakeholder communication and member letter to Spanish, Chinese, and Polish

Communications Regarding Coverage (as of 1/27/2023)

- Mailed letter distribution: **113,482 members**
- Social Media
 - Twitter (2 tweets)
 - Total Impressions (seen): **1,185**
 - Total Engagements (clicks, shares, etc.): **68**
 - Facebook (2 posts)
 - Total Impressions (seen): **3,342**
 - Total Engagements (clicks, shares, etc.): **334**
- Uterine Cancer Program web news article visits (1/18-1/27): **427**
- Media Highlights
 - [NIOSH Press Release](#)
 - [PIX11](#)
 - [ABC7 NY](#)
 - [CBS2 NY](#)
 - [NY Daily News](#)
 - [Staten Island Live](#)
 - [NJ.com](#)
 - [Newsday](#)

Certification and Eligibility Requirements

- Exposure requirements must be met
- Minimum latency period for diagnosis: 4 years since the date of the member's first 9/11-related exposure
- A definitive pathology report

Policy and Procedure for Minimum Latency & Types or Categories of Cancer: <https://www.cdc.gov/wtc/pdfs/policies/WTCHP-Minimum-Cancer-Latency-PP-01062015-508.pdf>

Policy and Procedure for Certification of Physician Determinations for Aerodigestive and Cancer Health Conditions: <https://www.cdc.gov/wtc/pdfs/policies/WTCHPPPCertPhysDetFINAL20Feb2015-508.pdf>

Treatment Coverage

- Diagnostic endometrial sampling
- National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) clinical practice guidelines
 - Surgical management
 - Radiation therapy
 - Chemotherapy
- Medically necessary treatment for certified endometrial carcinoma and endometrial intraepithelial neoplasia (EIN)
- Early or Premature Menopause
- Fertility-Sparing Treatment