Clinical Practice Guidelines
Effective December 1, 2013

eQ Health Solutions will use Clinical Practice Guidelines exclusively for first level review of authorization requests for outpatient Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Therapy for Florida Medicaid recipients under age 21.

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The change to Clinical Practice Guidelines for first level review does not change how providers submit requests for prior authorization of therapy.
The term “National Guidelines” is synonymous with the term “Clinical Practice Guidelines”.
Clinical practice guidelines are systematically developed statements to assist practitioner and patient decisions about appropriate health care for specific clinical circumstances.

Issued by third-party organizations, guidelines define the role of specific diagnostic and treatment modalities in the diagnosis and management of patients. The statements contain recommendations that are based on evidence from a rigorous systematic review and synthesis of the published medical literature.

Clinical Practice Guidelines for Therapy

- Developed by national professional associations
- Rigorously vetted by experts in the field
- Updated with new, compelling research

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http://www.asha.org/

http://www.aota.org

http://www.apta.org
Clinical Practice Guidelines

- Tests and measures
- Treatment recommendations
- Documentation strategies
Documentation Reminders
1. Submit all the required documentation with the request.

2. Ensure the request matches the POC:
   - Frequency (visits per week);
   - Intensity (units per visit);
   - Duration (From/To Dates).
3. If standardized tests are administered, submit the standard scores.

4. Document medical necessity to achieve goals or maintain current functional levels.
5. Use SMART goals

S - Specific
M - Measureable
A - Attainable
R - Realistic
T - Time-based
Implementation
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- Start date December 1, 2013

- Links to national professional organizations and guidelines are posted on our website.

  [http://fl.eqhs.org](http://fl.eqhs.org),
  Therapy/DME tab,
  Additional Resources (Links)
Provider Outreach and Resources

- Online Helpline
- Customer Service: 885-444-3747
  - Monday-Friday, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Eastern Time
- Dedicated Florida Provider Website
  http://fl.eqhs.org
- Blast Emails*
- eQSuite Notices

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