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Description: Medica Delays Venous-Procedure UM Policy Update

Alert: Medica will delay the implementation of its utilization management (UM) policy III-SUR.26, "Varicose Vein and Venous Insufficiency Treatments: Surgical Procedures (Ligation/ Stripping, Stab Phlebectomy), Endovenous Radiofrequency Ablation, Endovenous Laser Ablation." It was previously published that this policy update would go into effect on February 1, 2011. Existing UM policy "Endovenous Radiofrequency or Laser Ablation for Varicose Veins and Chronic Venous Insufficiency" will continue to be in effect until this update is made. Such a change would be communicated to providers.

Action: No action is required. Medica apologizes for any inconvenience. This venous procedure UM policy, when updated, will be available online. See Medica policies and guidelines at medica.com.