Medica Expands Coverage of Screening Procedure for Lung Cancer

Alert
Medica has recently reviewed low-dose computed tomography (LDCT) for lung cancer screening and has determined that this technology will now be covered when all of the following criteria are met:

- The asymptomatic individual is between 55 and 80 years of age.
- The individual is a current or former smoker with a 30 pack-year smoking history.
- If the individual is a former smoker, he or she has quit within the past 15 years.
- The individual has no health problem that substantially limits life expectancy or the ability or willingness to have curative lung surgery.

This benefit determination is effective beginning with December 17, 2014, dates of service. This change applies to all Medica products including government products unless a particular health plan (whether commercial, Medicare or Medicaid) requires different coverage. LDCT for lung cancer screening for all other indications remains investigative and therefore not covered.

Action
No action by providers is required. As of January 1, 2015, the updated policy related to this change will be available online. See coverage policies at medica.com.

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