

Updated *Clinical Practice and Preventive Guidelines*

The *Clinical Practice and Preventive Guidelines* have been updated and are available online. The guidelines will be available on the Amerigroup provider website at <https://providers.amerigroup.com/TX> > *Provider Resources & Documents* > *Preventive Health Guidelines – English or Spanish* and *Clinical Practice Guidelines Matrix – Medicaid and MMP Providers*. These evidence-based guidelines were reviewed and approved by our quality committees. The guidelines include direct links to the source documents for reference.

Updates include *Preventive Health Guidelines: Addition of risk assessments/screening*

Birth to 24 months:

- Blood pressure: at each visit
- Lead exposure: as appropriate
- Lipid disorder: at 24 months
- Tuberculosis: screening based on risk factors

Child ages 2 1/2 to 10 years:

- Lead Exposure: through age 6
- Hemoglobin or hematocrit (blood count): every year
- Blood pressure: risk assessments prior to age 3
- Lipid disorder: risk assessments when testing not performed
- Tuberculosis: screening based on risk factors

Child/adolescent ages 11 to 20 years:

- Hemoglobin or hematocrit (blood count): every year
- Tobacco, alcohol or drug use: each year beginning at age 11

Additional changes:

- Introductory paragraphs for each nonadult age group revised to reflect language in the AAP Bright Futures guidance
- Footnotes regarding immunizations: Hepatitis A (ages 2 to 18), Tdap (ages 7 to adult) and HPV (ages 27 to 45) revised to reflect the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) language

Clinical Practice Guidelines:

- Asthma:
 - *Asthma Clinical Practice Guidelines* — Global Initiative for Asthma (new 2019 guideline)
- Bipolar disorder:

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- *Guidelines for the Management of Patients with Bipolar Disorder* — Canadian Network for Mood and Anxiety Treatments (CANMAT) (recent 2018 guideline)
- Cardiovascular disease:
 - *Guideline on the Primary Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease* — American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association (new 2019 guideline)
- Chronic kidney disease:
 - *Chronic Kidney Disease: Detection and Evaluation* (2017) — American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP)
 - *KDIGO 2017 Clinical Practice Guideline for the Evaluation and Management of Chronic Kidney Disease* (July 2017) — International Society of Nephrology
- Depression:
 - Depression guidelines — 2016 Clinicians guidelines by CANMAT and *Nonpharmacologic Versus Pharmacologic Treatment of Adult Patients With Major Depressive Disorder* (2016) by American College of Physicians (ACP) (replace outdated guideline)
- Chronic low back pain:
 - *2017 Noninvasive treatments of acute, subacute and chronic low back pain* — American College of Physicians (ACP) (prevalent condition)
- Schizophrenia:
 - Schizophrenia treatment guidelines — resource page which includes a variety of sources
- Suicide:
 - *Assessment and Management of Patients at Risk for Suicide* — Veterans Administration/Department of Defense (new 2019 guideline)
- Surgical Technical reviews:
 - Surgical Technical reviews for gynecologic, colorectal and elective total joint replacement — Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) (Part of an initiative to improve surgical care)
- Smoking and electronic cigarettes:
 - *ACC Expert Consensus Decision Pathway on Tobacco Cessation Treatment* (2018) — American College of Cardiology (ACC)
 - *Electronic Cigarettes* — Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Removal of older condition/disease guidelines:
 - Bipolar guidelines from the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) and the British Association for Psychopharmacology (replaced by more recent CANMAT document)
 - *Practice Guideline for the Treatment of Patients with Major Depressive Disorder* (outdated, the American Psychiatric Association APA) no longer supports)
 - *Practice Guideline for the Treatment of Patients with Schizophrenia* (outdated, the APA no longer supports)
 - *Practice Parameter for the Assessment and Treatment of Children and Adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorder* (the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry AACAP no longer supports)
- Autism guidelines replacing AACAP:

- Screening and diagnosis of autism (2014) — American Academy of Neurology (AAN) and the Child Neurology Society (CNS)
- *Identification Evaluation and Management of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder* (January 2020) — American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)

What is the impact of this change?

No action is needed; this update is informational only. The guidelines can be downloaded from our provider website. For a printed copy, please call Provider Services at **1-800-454-3730**.

What if I need assistance?

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