Updated Clinical Practice Guidelines in process

Summary of change: The Clinical Practice Guidelines have been updated for 2020 and will be available online in 60 days. The guidelines will be available on the Amerigroup Washington, Inc. self-service website at https://providers.amerigroup.com/WA > Clinical Practice Guidelines > Clinical Practice Guidelines Matrix. These evidence-based guidelines were reviewed and approved by our Quality Improvement Committee. The guidelines include direct links to the source documents for reference.

Updates include:

- Addition of condition/disease guidelines:
  - Asthma
    - Asthma Clinical Practice Guidelines — Global Initiative for Asthma
  - Bipolar disorder
    - Guidelines for the Management of Patients with Bipolar Disorder — Canadian Network for Mood and Anxiety Treatments (CANMAT)
  - Cardiovascular disease
    - Guideline on the Primary Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease — American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association
  - Chronic kidney disease
    - Chronic Kidney Disease: Detection and Evaluation — American Academy of Family Physicians
    - KDIGO 2017 Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Evaluation and Management of Chronic Kidney Disease — International Society of Nephrology
  - Depression
    - 2016 Depression Guidelines: Clinicians Guidelines — CANMAT
    - Nonpharmacologic Versus Pharmacologic Treatment of Adult Patients with Major Depressive Disorder — American College of Physicians
  - Back pain
    - Noninvasive Treatments of Acute, Subacute and Chronic Low Back Pain — American College of Physicians
  - Schizophrenia
    - Schizophrenia Treatment Guidelines
  - Suicide risk
    - Assessment and Management of Patients at Risk for Suicide — Veterans Administration/Department of Defense
  - Surgery
    - Surgical Technical reviews for gynecologic, colorectal and elective total joint replacement — Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)
  - Autism
    - Screening and Diagnosis of Autism — American Academy of Neurology (AAN) and the Child Neurology Society (CNS)

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  - Nicotine
- ACC Expert Consensus Decision Pathway on Tobacco Cessation Treatment — American College of Cardiology (ACC)
- Electronic Cigarettes — Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- Removal of guidelines:
  - Bipolar guidelines from the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) and the British Association for Psychopharmacology
  - Practice Guideline for the Treatment of Patients with Major Depressive Disorder
  - Practice Guideline for the Treatment of Patients with Schizophrenia — American Psychiatric Association
  - Practice Parameter for the Assessment and Treatment of Children and Adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorder — American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

**What is the impact of this change?**
No action is needed; this update is informational only. The guidelines below can be downloaded from our provider website at [https://providers.amerigroup.com/WA > Clinical Practice Guidelines > Clinical Practice Guidelines Matrix](https://providers.amerigroup.com/WA > Clinical Practice Guidelines > Clinical Practice Guidelines Matrix). For a printed copy, please call Provider Services at **1-800-454-3730**.

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