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Carelon Medical Benefits Management, Inc. Updates Effective March 23, 2025

Please note, this communication applies to Healthy Blue + MedicareSM (HMO-POS D-SNP) offered by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina (Blue Cross NC).

Effective on March 23, 2025, the following **Carelon Medical Benefits Management Clinical Appropriateness Guideline** updates will be adopted for Blue Cross NC. This article is to communicate the plan adoption of these *Carelon Medical Benefits Management* guidelines. Existing prior authorization requirements have not changed. In the event a prior authorization requirement for these services will be implemented, a separate notice will be distributed before the addition of any prior authorization requirements.

The following guideline updates have a publish date of March 23, 2025:

- Genetic Testing:
 - Carrier Screening in the Reproductive Setting
 - Genetic Testing for Inherited Conditions
 - Hereditary Cancer Testing
- Radiology:
 - Imaging of the Abdomen and Pelvis
 - Imaging of the Chest
 - Oncologic Imaging
- Radiation Oncology:
 - Perirectal Hydrogel Spacer for Prostate Radiotherapy
 - Proton Beam Therapy
 - Radiation Therapy (excludes Proton)

You may access and download a copy of the current and upcoming guidelines [here](#).

Please share this notice with other members of your practice and office staff.

<https://www.bluecrossnc.com/providers/networks-programs/blue-medicare/healthy-blue-medicare>

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