

**CURRENT MEDICAID MEDICAL NECESSITY DEFINITION:**

"Medical Necessity or Medically Necessary" means health care provided to correct or diminish the adverse effects of a medical condition or mental illness; to assist an individual in *attaining or maintaining an optimal level of health*; to diagnose a condition; or prevent a medical condition from occurring.

**CURRENT MEDICAID MEDICAL APPROPRIATENESS DEFINITION:**

"Medical Appropriateness or Medically Appropriate" means health care that is *provided in a timely manner* and meets professionally recognized standards of acceptable medical care; is delivered in the appropriate medical setting; and is the least costly of multiple, *equally-effective* alternative treatments or diagnostic modalities.