

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; diagnose a condition; or prevent a medical condition from occurring.

"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.

Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 17b-262-523(15) and (12)

Current SAGA Medically Necessary Definition

"Medically necessary" means those health services required to prevent, identify, diagnose, treat, rehabilitate or ameliorate a health problem or its effects, or to maintain health and functioning, provided such services are:

1. consistent with generally accepted standards of medical practice;
2. clinically appropriate in terms of type, frequency, timing, site and duration;
3. demonstrated through scientific evidence to be safe and effective and the least costly among similarly effective alternatives, where adequate scientific evidence exists; and
4. efficient in regard to the avoidance of waste and refraining from provision of services that, on the basis of the best available scientific evidence, are not likely to produce benefit.

Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 17b-192-2(14)