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IHCP revises coverage policy for HIV testing

Effective June 1, 2015, the Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) is revising its coverage policy regarding human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) testing as follows:

“Routine laboratory testing for HIV is covered by the IHCP when it is done to establish an HIV diagnosis.”

The United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) has found evidence that identification and treatment of HIV infection is associated with a markedly reduced risk for progression to acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), AIDS-related events, and death in individuals with immunologically advanced disease. Providers are encouraged to follow these USPSTF guidelines:

- Clinicians should screen for HIV infection in adolescents and adults aged 15 to 65 years. Younger adolescents and older adults who are at increased risk should also be screened.
- Screen all adolescents and adults once to identify persons who are already HIV-positive, with repeated screenings for:
 - Those who are known to be at risk for HIV infection
 - Those who are actively engaged in risky behaviors
 - Those who live or receive medical care in a high-prevalence setting (defined as a geographic location or community with an HIV seroprevalence of at least 1%)
- Persons at very high risk, defined by the USPSTF, should be screened at least annually.
- Persons at increased risk should be screened at least every three to five years.
- Routine rescreening may not be necessary for individuals not at increased risk since they were found to be HIV-negative.



All other IHCP policy criteria remain unchanged by this revision.

QUESTIONS?

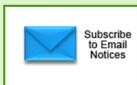
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