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INFORMATION UPDATE

TO: BCCSP Providers

FROM: Jo Thomas, APRN, FNP, OCN, ACHPN
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WV Breast & Cervical Cancer Screening Program (BCCSP)

DATE: October 15, 2024

RE: Coverage of breast ultrasound without mammogram in palpable breast mass

EFFECTIVE: October 1, 2024

Current WV Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program policy and procedures states that "Ultrasound will be approved for payment only when used as an adjunct to mammography".

In review of the American College of Radiology (ACR) recommendations, when a female age 40 or older has a palpable breast mass, a diagnostic mammogram and breast ultrasound is appropriate; in females aged 30-39 with a palpable breast mass, a diagnostic mammogram and breast ultrasound is appropriate; in women under the age of the 30 with a palpable breast mass, a breast ultrasound only is recommended. Therefore, the program will approve an ultrasound only for women aged 29 years and younger with a palpable breast mass or clinically significant exam finding, Other participants that request breast ultrasounds without a screening mammogram will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Until the BCCSP policy and procedure update is completed, please consider this as the notice. For questions regarding coverage, please contact Jamie Romeo at jamie.l.romeo@wv.gov or Heather Turley at heather.m.turley@wv.gov.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

