Prior Authorization Review Panel

CHC-MCO Policy Submission

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Plan: PA Health & Wellness	**Submission Date: 10/01/2019**
Policy Number: PHW.PDL.124	**Effective Date: 01/01/2020** **Revision Date: 10/01/2019**
Policy Name: Vaginal Anti-Infectives	

Type of Submission – Check all that apply:

- ☐ **New Policy**
- ☐ **Revised Policy***
- ☐ **Annual Review - No Revisions**
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Please provide any changes or clarifying information for the policy below:

New Policy created.

Name of Authorized Individual (Please type or print): **Francis G. Grillo, MD**	**Signature of Authorized Individual:** Francis Gregory Grillo M.D

Clinical Policy: Vaginal Anti-Infectives

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Revision Log

Policy/Criteria
Provider must submit documentation (such as office chart notes, lab results or other clinical information) supporting that member has met all approval criteria.

It is the policy of health plans affiliated with PA Health and Wellness® that Vaginal Anti-Infectives are **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

I. Requirements for Prior Authorization of Vaginal Anti-Infectives

A. Prescriptions That Require Prior Authorization

All prescriptions for a non-preferred Vaginal Anti-Infective must be prior authorized.

B. Review of Documentation for Medical Necessity

In evaluating a request for prior authorization of a prescription for a non-preferred Vaginal Anti-Infective, the determination of whether the requested prescription is medically necessary will take into account whether the beneficiary:

1. Has a documented history of therapeutic failure, contraindication, or intolerance of the preferred Vaginal Anti-Infectives approved or medically accepted for the beneficiary's diagnosis.

   NOTE: If the beneficiary does not meet the clinical review guidelines above but, in the professional judgement of the physician reviewer, the services are medically necessary to meet the medical needs of the beneficiary, the request for prior authorization will be approved.

C. Clinical Review Process

Prior authorization personnel will review the request for prior authorization and apply the clinical guidelines in Section B. above to assess the medical necessity of a prescription for a Vaginal Anti-Infective. If the guidelines in Section B. are met, the reviewer will prior authorize the prescription. If the guidelines are not met, the prior authorization request will be referred to a physician reviewer for a medical necessity determination. Such a request for prior authorization will be approved when, in the professional judgment of the physician reviewer, the services are medically necessary to meet the medical needs of the beneficiary.

D. **Approval Duration: 6 months**

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date
Policy created	01/01/2020