2012 Clinical Practice Guidelines Updated and Approved

As part of our commitment to provide you with the latest clinical information and educational materials, we have adopted nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines, access to which we make available to providers through our website. The guidelines, which we use for our quality programs, are based on reasonable medical evidence, and are reviewed for content accuracy, current primary sources, the newest technological advances and most recent medical research. We have created links from our website to these guidelines.

UniCare Health Plan of West Virginia, Inc. (UniCare) recently updated its Clinical Practice Guidelines. Our Physician Quality Improvement Committee reviews these changes at quarterly meetings. Guidelines sites are checked and updates to the list can occur throughout the year. For a current list of guidelines, refer to our website.

The guidelines are available online at www.unicare.com by following these easy steps:

- Enter www.unicare.com into the URL address field of your search engine. Click on the tab, Providers, in the upper left-hand corner of the screen.
- Under Resources for:, click on State Sponsored Plan providers.
- Under the State Sponsored Plans heading, click on the West Virginia – Medicaid Managed Care link.
- Under the heading Quality Improvement Program, open the link titled Clinical Practice Guidelines.

We have updated the following guidelines and information on our website:

Asthma (reviewed on 5/17/2012)
National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute
Guidelines for the Diagnosis and Management of Asthma (EPR 3 Summary Report 2007)

Chronic Heart Failure (CHF) (in the Adult) (reviewed 5/17/2012)
American Heart Association/American College of Cardiology

www.unicare.com
Coronary Artery Disease (CAD) (reviewed 5/17/2012)

American Heart Association/American College of Cardiology

AHA/ACC Guidelines for Secondary Prevention for Patients with Coronary and Other Atherosclerotic Vascular Disease: 2006 Update. Endorsed by the NHLBI.

Coronary Artery Disease (CAD) (reviewed 5/17/2012) (continued)

American Heart Association

Treatment of Hypertension in the Prevention and Management of Ischemic Heart Disease: A Scientific Statement From the American Heart Association for High Blood Pressure Research and the Councils on Clinical Cardiology and Epidemiology and Prevention. Circulation 2007;115;2761-2788.


For More Information

Benefit plans differ and UniCare may not provide coverage for all services discussed in the Clinical Practice Guidelines. If you are uncertain regarding coverage of a particular service, please contact our Customer Care Center at 1-800-782-0095 for more information.