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Medica Expands Coverage for GERD Treatment

Alert

Medica has recently reviewed and is expanding coverage for magnetic esophageal ring for gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD). This coverage change is effective immediately. Magnetic esophageal ring (LINX® Reflux Management System) *will now be covered* for patients with GERD who have not responded to medical therapy. This treatment *remains investigative and therefore not covered* for all other indications, including Barrett's Esophagus.

This benefit change is effective with May 17, 2017, dates of service. It applies to all Medica products including government products unless a particular health plan (whether commercial, Medicare or Medicaid) requires different coverage.

Action

No action is required. The updated coverage policy related to this change is available online. **See Medica's coverage policies** or call the Medica Provider Literature Request Line for a printed copy, toll-free at 1-800-458-5512, option 1, then option 5, ext. 2-2355.

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