

## **New York State Medicaid Evidence Based Benefit Review Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda**

The Evidence Based Benefit Review Advisory Committee (EBBRAC) will meet on December 8, 2017 from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm in Meeting Room 2, Concourse, Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York.

### **Agenda Items**

The New York State Department of Health (the Department) has requested that the EBBRAC review the current scientific research/evidence on the topics listed below and make a recommendation regarding Medicaid coverage of the proposed technology, service or drug:

- **Endoscopic Decompression of Spinal Cord for Adults with Sciatica or Low Back Pain**  
Compression of the spinal cord or nerve roots can arise from herniation of the intervertebral discs. Individuals with lumbar disc herniation (LDH) may experience low back pain and/or pain or numbness of the lower extremities. Endoscopic decompression is a minimally invasive spine surgery that uses an endoscope and a specialized camera to visualize the associated lumbar intervertebral disc(s) and to assist in performing decompression of the spinal cord or nerve roots that lead to symptomatic LDH.
- **Mechanochemical Venous Ablation**  
Mechanochemical ablation (MOCA) is an approach to address varicose veins. Varicose veins are common in individuals with chronic venous disorders causing cosmetic changes, pain, itching, sensations of leg heaviness and/or muscle cramps. Varicose veins occur when the valves within the veins become leaky and blood pools downstream, away from the heart, causing swelling of the vein. MOCA is an endovenous obliteration technique using a continuous flush catheter to advance a rotating wire that irritates the lining of the varicose vein while simultaneously infusing a sclerosant or chemical agent that aids in closing the vein.
- **Diabetes Prevention Program**  
The initial U.S. Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) study was conducted between 1996 to 2001 as a three-arm randomized controlled trial (RCT) that compared metformin to lifestyle intervention or a placebo with the aim of preventing progression to type 2 diabetes in individuals at high risk for diabetes. The lifestyle intervention arm of the initial DPP RCT was a year-long, individualized and provided an in-person case management program with at least 16 sessions focused specifically on weight loss, diet and exercise. Currently, DPPs use lifestyle interventions that are either the same as the protocol from the lifestyle intervention arm of the initial DPP RCT or modified interventions that may focus on diet or exercise but not both. The current DPPs have no specific goals for weight loss, have fewer sessions, offer group sessions, and may be a web-based program, an online program or a layperson-led program.

The Department's systematic evidence-based assessments on these topics will be provided in the announcement under Meeting Materials in the coming weeks.

**Agenda Timeline** (subject to change based on meeting proceedings)

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| 10:00 - 10:15 | Welcome and Introductions   |
| 10:15 - 10:35 | Department of Health Updates  |
| 10:35 - 10:45 | Review of December Meeting Summary  |
| 10:45 - 12:00 | Public Presentations  |
| 12:00 - 12:30 | Lunch Break   |
| 12:30 - 2:45  | Executive Session<br>Evidence Review, Committee Discussion, Recommendations |
| 2:45 - 3:00   | Final Comments and Adjournment  |

**Public Presentations**

Public presentations are in person only and limited to the topics on the agenda. Presentations are limited to 2 minutes and the total public presentation period will not exceed seventy five (75) minutes.

The Department reserves the right to limit the number of interested parties providing public presentations in order to meet timelines and accomplish meeting objectives.

Interested parties must notify the Department by November 24, 2017 of their request to address the EBBRAC in person during the public presentation period. Requests may be made by e-mailing [EBBRAC@health.ny.gov](mailto:EBBRAC@health.ny.gov). Please include "EBBRAC Speaker Request" in the subject line of your email and complete the information in the template at the attached link.

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All parties wishing to present must provide a written statement summarizing the key points. Written statements may not exceed two (2) pages in length. All written statements must be received in an electronic format by November 24, 2017.