

NETWORK UPDATE



Information and News from BlueChoice HealthPlan

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RABIES POST-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) no longer provides rabies vaccine or human rabies immune globulin (HRIG) for post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP).

As a result, BlueChoice HealthPlan is adding certain restrictions to vaccine and immunoglobulin codes related to the treatment of rabies PEP so that we can effectively monitor appropriate delivery of services related to that treatment consistent with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations. To view the latest recommendations regarding rabies post-exposure prophylaxis, please check the CDC Web site at <http://www.cdc.gov/rabies/>.

Effective August 1, 2009, in the event you have a patient who requires rabies PEP, you will need to call our Health Care Services area to obtain prior authorization for vaccine codes 90675 and 90676 and immunoglobulin codes 90375 and 90376. Please call 800-950-5387 and select option 6.

If you have questions or need more information, please contact your Health Network Services representative at 800-327-3183.