



## Medical Policy Updates Effective 3/1/2009

The MVP Quality Improvement Committee (QIC) approved the policies summarized below during the January meeting. Some of the benefit interpretation policies reflect new technology while others clarify existing benefits. All policy updates are listed online in the Benefits Interpretation Manual (BIM). Visit MVP online at [www.mvphealthcare.com](http://www.mvphealthcare.com). Providers can directly access the online BIM through the References section of the Provider portal. The "Current Updates" page list all policy updates. If you have questions regarding the policies or wish to obtain a paper copy of a policy, contact your Professional Relations representative.

*Healthy Practices* will continue to inform your office about new and updated policies. MVP encourages your office to look at all of the revisions and updates on a regular basis in the Benefit Interpretation Manual (BIM) located on [www.mvphealthcare.com](http://www.mvphealthcare.com) in the **References** section. The **update section will list** new policies and/or policy revisions at least 30 days prior to their effective date.

**Note:** On 3/1/2009 **Prior Authorization was removed** from the following procedures/services:

- Age-Related Macular Degeneration Treatments
- Air Medical Transport
- Cardiac Rehabilitation Services
- Cardiac Revascularization/Brachytherapy
- Diagnostic Laparoscopy
- Hearing Aid Services
- Hospice Care
- Intra Uterine Insemination (IUI) **Note: Advanced infertility drugs will continue to require prior authorization (with the exception of Clomid & HCG)**
- Laser Treatment of Port Wine Stains/Warts/Rosacea
- Low Vision Aids
- Psoriasis Treatment
- Sinus Surgery
- Video EEG Monitoring
- Wound Care Centers (Wound Vac's still require prior authorization E2402)

**Code sets on the following policies were revised.** (Codes were either added or deleted.) *If you have the policies printed out please make certain that you have the most recent version of the policy:*

Air Medical Transport

Bariatric Surgery

Blepharoplasty

Cardiac Revascularization / Intracoronary Revascularization / Intracoronary Brachytherapy

Continuous Glucose Monitoring

Endovascular Treatments

Erectile Dysfunction  
Hyperhidrosis  
Implantable Cardiac Defibrillators  
Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT)  
Infertility  
IVIg  
Kyphoplasty/Vertebroplasty  
Obstructive Sleep Apnea (Surgical Treatment)  
Orthognathic Surgery  
Private Duty Nursing  
Rhinoplasty  
Sacral Nerve/Interstim Urinary Incontinence  
Sclerotherapy for Varicose Veins (Lower Extremities)  
Spinal Cord Stimulator/Intractable Pain  
TMD/TMJ VT  
TMJ NY/NH  
Transplants  
Ventricular Assist Device (Left)