

## Coverage Criteria for Medical Services, Items and Medicare Part B Drugs

When Leon Health reviews a prior authorization request, they evaluate the medical necessity of the requested services or procedures, items or part B drugs using the InterQual™ criteria, the Medicare Coverage Database (MCD) or the CMS internet-only manuals. This typically involves comparing the details of the member's condition, medical history, and proposed treatment plan against the specific criteria outlined in the InterQual™ guidelines or in the Medicare Coverage Database (MCD) for that service or procedure, item or part B drug.

InterQual™ clinical criteria are evidence-based guidelines used by many health plans, including Leon Health, to assess the medical necessity of services or procedures, items, and part B drugs during the prior authorization process.

The Medicare Coverage Database (MCD) is a searchable database that contains comprehensive information about the coverage policies and guidelines for services and procedures, items and select part B drugs under Original Medicare.

The CMS internet-only manuals offer day-to-day operating instructions, policies, and procedures based on statutes and regulations, guidelines, models, and directives. These criteria help ensure that members receive appropriate, high-quality care based on the latest clinical evidence and best practices.

When coverage criteria are not fully detailed in InterQual™ the Medicare Coverage Database (MCD) or within the CMS internet-only manuals, Leon Health will create and publish internal coverage criteria. These criteria are developed based on current evidence from widely used treatment guidelines and publicly available clinical literature.

This approach ensures that Leon Health's internal coverage criteria are comprehensive, scientifically valid, and aligned with the latest advancements in medical care. It also helps fill the gaps where InterQual™, the Medicare Coverage Database (MCD) or the CMS internet-only manuals might be lacking, ensuring members receive appropriate and necessary care.

You can access InterQual™ clinical criteria here: (you will need to create an Optum One Healthcare ID account to access the criteria)

<https://prod.ds.interqual.com/service/connect/transparency?tid=b90a3bab-18bb-44f8-b73c-e4f069561148>

Learn about InterQual™ Clinical Development Process here:

<https://prod.cue4.com/help/InterQualOnline/MobileHelp/content/pdf/interqual%20development%20process%202024.pdf>

You can access the Medicare Coverage Database (MCD) here:

<https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/search.aspx>

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You can access the CMS Internet-Only Manuals here:

<https://www.cms.gov/medicare/regulations-guidance/manuals/internet-only-manuals-ioms>

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