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PURPOSE

To ensure our adult members who are eligible for the Genetically Handicapped Persons Program (GHPP) are referred to the GHPP office located within the Children’s Medical Services Branch in Sacramento, California, for evaluation. Blue Shield of California Promise Health Plan (Blue Shield Promise) continues responsibility for a member’s healthcare services if a member is not determined to be eligible for the GHPP program.

DEFINITIONS:

1. Case Management Services are those services intended to assist individuals eligible under the Medi-Cal State Plan who reside in a community setting or are transitioning to a community setting, in gaining access to needed medical, social, education, and other services in accordance with 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) sections 441.17 and 440.169. Refer to UM Policy 10.2.16 Case Management Coordination of Care

POLICY

GHPP is a carved-out benefit of the Blue Shield Promise benefits agreement. The GHPP program provides enhanced services through:

- Special Care Center services
- Centralized program administration
- Case management services
- Coordination of treatment services with managed care plans.

Identified adults with GHPP eligible conditions are referred the GHPP office located within the Children’s Medical Services Branch in Sacramento, California, upon identification.

1. Blue Shield Promise will ensure a process to include the following:
 - a. Providers are responsible for performing appropriate baseline assessments and diagnostic evaluations that provide sufficient clinical detail to establish or raise a reasonable suspicion, that a member has a GHPP eligible medical condition.
 - b. Providers must be Medi-Cal contracted providers.
 - c. Initial referrals of members with GHPP eligible conditions can be made to the GHPP office by telephone, same-day fax or via the website. Followed by submission of supporting medical documentation, if available, to allow for eligibility determination by the GHPP program.

- i. Blue Shield Promise providers are responsible for providing all medically necessary covered services to the member until GHPP eligibility is confirmed.
- d. Once eligibility for the GHPP program is established for a member, Blue Shield Promise providers shall continue to provide all medically necessary covered services that are not authorized by GHPP. Blue Shield Promise shall ensure the exchange of medical record information, coordination of services and joint case management between the Primary Care Provider (PCP), the GHPP specialty providers, and the GHPP program.

PROCEDURE

1. All authorizations request initially screened by the Utilization Management (UM) Coordinators. After screening and using UM Matrix to determine if member meets potential GHPP Medical eligible condition, the UM Team will redirect provider to Medi-Cal GHPP.
2. All further requests for services that are received by Blue Shield Promise that are related to the member's GHPP eligible condition will be referred and submitted to the County for SAR approval.