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Subject: Carelon Medical Benefits Management, Inc. Transcatheter Ablation for Management of Atrial Fibrillation

Dear Provider:

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield and our subsidiary company, HMO Colorado, Inc., (Anthem) are writing to inform you of the following.

There have been recent updates to the Carelon Medical Benefits Management Transcatheter Ablation for Management of Atrial Fibrillation clinical guidelines. These changes are aimed at improving patient care and outcomes, and all care providers must familiarize themselves with the new protocols.

Review the updated guidelines at <http://carelon.ly/3KSWGqL>.

Key changes effective March 1, 2026:

- Additional linear or focal intracardiac catheter ablation of the left or right atrium for treatment of atrial fibrillation, performed at the time of PVI (CPT® code 93657), has not been shown to improve patient outcomes and is therefore considered to be not medically necessary.
- A new grouper for CPT code 93657 only will be introduced.

Contact us

Availity Chat with Payer is available during normal business hours. Get answers to your questions about eligibility, benefits, authorizations, claims status, and more. To access Availity Essentials, go to <https://Availity.com> and select the appropriate payer space tile from the drop-down. Then, select **Chat with Payer** and complete the pre-chat form to start your chat.

For additional support, visit the *Contact Us* section of our provider website for the appropriate contact.

Carelon Medical Benefits Management, Inc. is an independent company providing utilization management services on behalf of the health plan.

We value you as our partner in providing quality care and appreciate your continued participation in our network.

Sincerely,

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