### CMQ97-001

**Guideline for Treatment of Cataract in Adults**

**Minute of Commission #96-0059**

Adoption of Clinical Practice Guideline: *Treatment of Cataract in Adults*

Pursuant to Section 19(1) and 32(4) of the *Medicare Protection Act*, the Medical Services Commission hereby adopts the attached* Clinical Practice Guideline for *Treatment of Cataract in Adults*, effective immediately.

*Guideline distributed January 1997

### CMQ97-002

**Guideline for Chest X-rays in Asymptomatic Adults**

**Minute of Commission #96-0064**

Adoption of Clinical Practice Guideline: *Chest X-rays in Asymptomatic Adults*

Pursuant to Section 19(1) and 32(4) of the *Medicare Protection Act*, the Medical Services Commission hereby adopts the attached* Clinical Practice Guideline for *Chest X-rays in Asymptomatic Adults*, effective immediately.

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**Note:** Copies of guidelines and protocols are available through the MSP Medical Care Programs Info-by-Fax line at (250) 356-9644, or by calling Claims Billing Support at (250) 952-2670.

### CMQ97-003

**Chest X-ray for Admission to Adult Residential Care Facilities**

A routine chest x-ray for screening purposes for admission to a hospital, nursing home or other health care institution is not a benefit under MSP, unless justified under:

- the recommendations of the BC guideline for Chest X-rays in Asymptomatic Adults, or
- the regulations for tuberculosis control issued by the Provincial Director of Tuberculosis Control.

**Note:** Under the regulations for tuberculosis control issued by the Provincial Director of Tuberculosis Control, only those persons who are at high risk of active tuberculosis are required to have a chest x-ray as part of the screening procedure for admission into a licensed residential community care facility.

For further information about tuberculosis screening procedures, contact the Tuberculosis Control Branch, BC Centre for Disease Control, 828 West 10th Avenue, Vancouver, BC, V5Z 1L8.
Protocol for Electrocardiograms

Pursuant to Section 4 and Section 32(4) of the Medicare Protection Act, the following protocol will apply with respect to the Medical Services Commission Payment Schedule:

Services relating to the performance and/or interpretation of electrocardiograms will be considered a benefit under the Medical Services Plan only when rendered in conformity with the Protocol for Electrocardiograms, appended*.

This protocol will be used in the determination of benefits payable under the Medicare Protection Act.

Effective April 1, 1997.

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Protocol for the Investigation of Suspected Osteomyelitis in Normal Bone

Pursuant to Section 4 and Section 32(4) of the Medicare Protection Act, the following protocol will apply with respect to the Medical Services Commission Payment Schedule:

Services relating to the investigation of suspected osteomyelitis in normal bone will be considered a benefit under the Medical Services Plan only when rendered in conformity with the Protocol for the Investigation of Suspected Osteomyelitis in Normal Bone using Nuclear Medicine Techniques, appended*.

This protocol will be used in the determination of benefits payable under the Medicare Protection Act.

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