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Age Limitation on the Applicability of Guidelines and Protocols

Minute of Commission 01-033

Age Limitation on the Applicability of Guidelines and Protocols

This Minute of Commission replaces Minute of Commission 97-010.

Pursuant to Section 19(1) of the *Medicare Protection Act*, the Medical Services Commission hereby directs that all guidelines and protocols developed by the Guidelines and Protocols Advisory Committee apply to beneficiaries 19 years of age and over, unless otherwise specified in a particular guideline or protocol.

CMQ01-008

Guideline for Investigation and Management of Iron Overload

Minute of Commission 01-034

Approval of Guideline: *Investigation and Management of Iron Overload*

Pursuant to Section 5(1(c), 24(1), and Section 37(5) of the *Medicare Protection Act*, the following guideline will apply with respect to the *Medical Services Commission Payment Schedule*:

Investigation and Management of Iron Overload, appended*.

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

Effective: September 1, 2001

* Guideline distributed September 2001

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CMQ01-009

**Revised Guideline:
Treatment of Gallstones
in Adults**

Minute of Commission 01-035

**Approval of Revised Guideline:
*Treatment of Gallstones in Adults***

Pursuant to Section 5(1(c), 24(1), and Section 37(5) of the *Medicare Protection Act*, the following guideline will apply with respect to the *Medical Services Commission Payment Schedule*:

*Revised Guideline: Treatment of Gallstones in Adults, appended.**

This guideline supersedes the previous guideline, *Treatment of Gallstones in Adults*, which was effective July 1, 1996.

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

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**Guideline: Detection of
Drugs of Abuse in
Urine: Methadone
Maintenance Program**

Minute of Commission 01-036

**Approval of Guideline:
*Detection of Drugs of Abuse in Urine: Methadone Maintenance Program***

Pursuant to Section 5(1(c), 24(1), and Section 37(5) of the *Medicare Protection Act*, the following guideline will apply with respect to the *Medical Services Commission Payment Schedule*:

Detection of Drugs of Abuse in Urine: Methadone Maintenance Program, appended.*

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

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Note: Guidelines and protocols can be obtained by contacting MSP at Tel: **250 952-1347** or Fax: **250 952-1417**. Guidelines and protocols are also posted on the MSP web site: <http://www.hlth.gov.bc.ca/msp>. Please e-mail your questions or comments to guidelines.protocols@moh.hnet.bc.ca.