



## Quarterly Medical Policy Changes Jan. 1, 2026

**Effective Date:** Jan. 1, 2026

**Health Plans Affected:** Advantage MD, Employer Health Programs (EHP), Priority Partners, US Family Health Plan (USFHP)

**Type of Change:** Medical Policy

**Explanation of Change:**

The Johns Hopkins Health Plans Medical Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) has approved changes to our new and existing medical policies. These changes will go into effect **Jan. 1, 2026**.

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**Changes this quarter include:**

**Revised**

- **CMS11.01** - Clinical Practice Guidelines
- **CMS20.05** - Expanded Access and Compassionate Use
- **CMS01.00** - Medical Policy Introduction
- **CMS19.08** - Speech Devices
- **CMS15.04** - Foot Orthotics
- **CMS05.02** - Computed Tomography and Coronary Calcium Scoring
- **CMS22.06** - Vagus Nerve Stimulation for Depression

**No changes in criteria (links and references reviewed and updated)**

- **CMS24.19** - Specialty Bed Guidance
- **CMS24.06** - Non-Emergency Ambulance Transportation
- **CMS01.09** - Continuity of Care and Access to Non-Participating Providers
- **CMS03.00** - Hospice Services
- **CMS24.12** - Investigational & Experimental Services

To view the full descriptions of these policies, please visit the [Medical Policies](#) section of the Johns Hopkins Health Plans website on or after the effective date or call Provider Relations at 888-895-4998 (option 4).