




Wes Moore, Governor · Aruna Miller, Lt. Governor · Laura Herrera Scott, M.D., M.P.H., Secretary

MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
MCO Transmittal No. 224
Physician Transmittal No. 172
Nurse Practitioner Transmittal No. 39
Physician Assistant Transmittal No. 18
Speech/Language Pathologist Transmittal No. 8
Pharmacist Prescriber Transmittal No. 6
October 3, 2024

To: Managed Care Organizations
Physicians
Nurse Practitioners
Licensed Clinical Social Workers
Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors
Licensed Electrologists
Medical Tattoo Artists
Physician Assistants
Psychologists
Psychiatrists
Professional Counselors
Social Workers
Speech/Language Pathologists
Pharmacists

From: Sandra Kick, Director 
Office of Medical Benefits Management

Re: Expanded Coverage for Gender Affirming Medical Tattooing

Note: Please ensure that appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the contents of this memorandum.

This transmittal expands coverage for the gender affirming medical tattooing benefit to include all medically necessary medical tattooing. This is an update to the guidance previously communicated in [PT 72-24](#): Expanded Medicaid Coverage of Gender-Affirming Treatments: New Guidance on Provision of Electrology and Medical Tattoo Services. All other guidance issued originally in PT 72-24 remains effective and unchanged.

Effective 10/1/2024, the Maryland Department of Health (the Department) is expanding coverage for gender affirming medical tattoos to cover all medically necessary gender affirming medical tattooing. This is an expansion from the previous coverage criteria, which only authorized payment for medical breast tattooing. Under the new coverage guidelines, the Department will cover all medically necessary medical tattooing for gender affirming care services including, but no longer limited to, breast tattooing.

For policy questions, please contact the Program at mdh.medicaidTHEA@maryland.gov.