CRITERIA FOR PAYMENT OF APPROVED THERAPEUTIC ABORTIONS

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1.0 POLICY
Insured coverage for therapeutic abortions is reserved for those cases that meet the requirement of medical necessity, as determined by the attending physician. The province of PEI considers the clinical particulars of therapeutic abortions to be best addressed between a patient and their physician, and accepts the physician’s recommendation when based on medical need.

2.0 PURPOSE/SCOPE
Since 1982 abortion services have not been available in Prince Edward Island. PEI residents are referred out-of-province for abortion services.

3.0 GUIDELINES
3.1 The request for approval for funding for therapeutic abortion services is usually made by a local physician with another independent physician being involved eventually as the surgeon.

3.2 Abortions are approved out of province when there is a physician request supporting the procedure and when the abortion is performed by a licensed practitioner in an accredited hospital facility.

3.3 The physician requesting approval provides the Medicare Medical Consultant and/or designate the necessary information for the referral.

3.4 The Medicare Medical Consultant and/or designate will review the request and make a decision regarding payment.

3.5 Patients who undergo abortions in private clinics outside the province are responsible for payment of all services related to the procedure.

3.6 All claims must be dealt with in a confidential manner.

4.0 APPLICATION
This policy applies to the Out-of-Provence Referral Program, Health PEI.

5.0 MONITORING
The Manager of Physician Services, Medical Affairs is responsible for monitoring the policy and ensuring it is reviewed in accordance with the organization’s policy review cycle. The OOP
Physician Referral Coordinator in consultation with the Manager of Physician Services, Medical Affairs may initiate required amendments to the policy.

6.0 REVISION HISTORY


July 2013      July 2015