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**Subject:** Important Information Regarding BioTE

Presbyterian Health Plan, Inc. and Presbyterian Insurance Company, Inc. (Presbyterian) are committed to meeting the highest standards in healthcare. We recently noticed an increase in claims submitted for BioTE, an experimental bioidentical hormone replacement therapy (BHRT), and we would like to remind providers that BioTE is not covered. Even if a member signs a waiver, BioTE will not be covered.

BioTE is not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and its safety or effectiveness cannot be confirmed. According to the FDA, there is no scientific evidence that BioTE is safe and more effective than FDA-approved menopausal hormone therapy (MHT).

Alternatives to BioTE that are covered and approved by the FDA include:

- TESTOPEL
- Estradiol
- Premarin
- Estropipate
- Alora
- Estradiol
- Divigel
- Estrogel
- Estrasorb
- Evamist
- Estrace
- Premarin
- Femring
- Yuva fem

**Note:** A prior authorization may be required for these hormone replacement therapies and medications. For clarification on which therapies and medications require a prior authorization, please refer to Presbyterian's Prior Authorization Guide at [www.phs.org/providers/authorizations](http://www.phs.org/providers/authorizations).

If you have any questions, please use the contact information on the back of this page to contact your Provider Network Management relationship executive. Thank you for partnering with us to improve the health of the patients, members and communities we serve.

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