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Subject: Important Information Regarding Bioidentical Hormone Replacement Therapy

Presbyterian Health Plan, Inc. and Presbyterian Insurance Company, Inc. (Presbyterian) are committed to ensuring members have access to hormone replacement therapies that are safe and effective. For this reason, Presbyterian **only** covers biosimilar/testosterone and estrogen products and hormone implantation/insertion services that are approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Due to the increase in claims submitted for BioTE, Presbyterian would like to remind providers that this experimental bioidentical hormone replacement therapy has not been approved by the FDA. Therefore, Presbyterian will not cover BioTE, even if a member signs a waiver. Alternatives to bioidentical hormone replacement therapy that are covered by Presbyterian and approved by the FDA include the following:

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

Note: A prior authorization may be required for 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.

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

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