



Subject: Marijuana for Medical Use*

Effective Date: June 8, 2010

Department(s): Utilization Management

Policy: Marijuana in any form is not a Food and Drug Administration- approved prescription medication and therefore is **NOT** reimbursable under Plans administered by QualCare, Inc.

Objective: To ensure proper and consistent reimbursement.

Procedure:

- Requests for coverage of marijuana will be denied, regardless of source or diagnosis for which it is requested.

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*Consistent with Summary Plan Description (SPD). When there is discordance between this policy and the SPD, the provisions of the SPD prevail.