



Subject: New Technology Assessment/New Policies*

Effective Date: May 23, 2005

Department(s): Utilization Management

Policy: Policies that are used by Plans administered by QualCare, Inc., including those that are based on new medical technology, will be reviewed and approved by the Quality Management Committee.

- Objectives:**
- A. To use all available resources in the development of medical policies
 - B. To promote effective use of new technologies
 - C. To promote efficient and appropriate use of resources
 - D. To promote consistent application of Plan benefits

- Procedure:**
1. The Medical Director of the Plan will research new medical technologies through thorough review of current refereed literature and consultation with experts in the relevant disciplines, as well as databases such as the Hayes Directory.
 2. In addition to these sources of information, standards and/or practice guidelines established by nationally recognized professional organizations shall be used in assessing the applicability of new medical technologies to QualCare policies.
 3. New policies shall be presented to the Care Management Committee for review prior to presentation to the Quality Management Committee. Recommended revisions shall be incorporated into these policies before final approval.

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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.