Subject: Progesterone To Prevent Pre-Term Delivery*

Effective Date: October 23, 2007

Department(s): Utilization Management

Policy: Injections of 17 alpha-hydroxyprogesterone caproate (17P) to prevent pre-term labor are reimbursable under Plans administered by QualCare, Inc.

Objective: To assure proper and consistent reimbursement and to delineate criteria of coverage of a specific treatment.

Procedure:

1. For 17P to be authorized, the patient must have a documented current singleton pregnancy and a prior history of a singleton pre-term delivery before 37 weeks’ gestation or prior history of cervical cerclage.

2. When 17P is authorized, weekly intramuscular injections of 17P are covered beginning at 16 weeks of gestation through delivery or the end of the 36th week, whichever comes first.

3. Unless the patient is homebound, 17P is reimbursable only in the setting of a doctor’s office or outpatient facility.
References


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