

PROVIDER ALERT

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Medica Expands Coverage for Test and Treatment Technologies

Alert

Medica has recently reviewed the following test and treatment technologies and is expanding coverage for them: **computerized tomographic (CT) colonography**, **fecal/stool DNA testing for colorectal cancer screening**, and **repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation (rTMS)**. Coverage changes are effective immediately.

- The test CT colonography *will now be covered* as a preventive screening examination. Magnetic resonance (MR) colonography and CT upper gastrointestinal endoscopy *remain investigative and therefore not covered*.
- Fecal/stool DNA testing for colorectal cancer screening *will now be covered* as a preventive screening examination for colorectal cancer.
- The treatment rTMS *will now be covered* for individuals with major depressive disorder who are refractory to optimal psychiatric therapy, including pharmacologic therapy and psychotherapy. All other behavioral health and medical indications *remain investigative and therefore not covered*.

These benefit changes are effective beginning with December 21, 2016, dates of service. They apply to all Medica products including government products unless a particular health plan (whether commercial, Medicare or Medicaid) requires different coverage.

Action

No action is required. The updated coverage policies related to these changes are available online. [See **Medica's coverage policies**](#) or call the Medica Provider Literature Request Line for a printed copy, toll-free at 1-800-458-5512, option 1, then option 5, ext. 2-2355.

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