



### New Technology Evaluation Process

MHC will utilize the resources and expertise of Coventry Health Plan to assist and ensure MHC is following and maintaining the most up to date evaluations of new technology.

A new technology request can be referred from various health plan sources, including, but not limited to, a medical director, health services staff, or a member inquiry. After review by a medical director at the health plan, the request is forwarded to the attention of the Corporate Coventry Technology Evaluation Department.

Upon receipt the medical management designee initiates a review of the most current published authoritative medical and scientific information pertaining to the proposed technology. Information is obtained from sources such as, applicable medical and scientific journals, medical databases, specialty medical societies, and applicable government publications. The literature search can include, but is not limited to, accessing information from Hayes, ECRI, the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Technological, NCCN, NCI, the American Medical Association or other medical professional organizations and boards.

The following factors will be considered when evaluating the proposed technology:

- Does the technology have final approval from the appropriate regulatory bodies?
- The scientific evidence must permit conclusions concerning the effect of the technology on health outcomes.
- The technology must improve the net health outcome; and must be beneficial as any established alternatives

Once a decision has been made, MHC in coordination with Coventry Health Plan will notify Network physicians, practitioners and Facilities explaining how the New Technology will be covered under MHC plans and benefits.