Effective for dates of service on and after **June 14, 2026**, the following updates will apply to Carelon Medical Benefits Management, Inc. Clinical Appropriateness Guidelines. As part of the Carelon guideline annual review process, these updates are focused on advancing efforts to drive clinically appropriate, safe, and affordable health care services.

Genetic Testing Guideline Updates

- **Chromosomal Microarray Analysis**
  - expanded to allow fetal testing in any individual undergoing invasive diagnostic testing
  - added General Requirements section with statement to ensure that testing is performed in a CLIA-certified lab and accredited by the College of Americal Pathologists.
  - clarified that diagnostic testing occurs once per lifetime per individual
- **Pharmacogenetic Testing**
  - expanded list of drug therapies and biomarkers considered medically necessary
  - clarification added on the use of panel and multigene tests in determining drug-metabolizer
- **Predictive and Prognostic Polygenic**
  - added General Requirements section with statement to ensure that testing is performed in a CLIA-certified lab and accredited by the College of Americal Pathologists.
- **Whole Exome Sequencing and Whole Genome Sequencing**
  - clarification added criteria for which postnatal whole genome sequencing is considered medically necessary
  - added General Requirements section with statement to ensure that testing is performed in a CLIA-certified lab and accredited by the College of Americal Pathologists
- **Liquid Biopsy Testing**
  - added allowance for repeat testing in breast cancer with disease progression when the individual is a candidate for specific new systemic therapies aligned with FDA or NCCN 2A recommendations
  - added clarification on the use of concurrent and subsequent liquid biopsy and tissue molecular profiling without a change in clinical status
  - added General Requirements section with statement to ensure that testing is performed in a CLIA-certified lab and accredited by the College of Americal Pathologists