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| First Coast Service Options, Inc.  JN Open Meeting |
| Thursday, August 17, 1 p.m.  Topics:  DL33693– Peripheral Venous Ultrasound |
| CORPORATE PARTICIPANTS  Patrick Mann, MD – First Coast Service Options/Novitas Executive Contractor Medical Director  David Sommers, MD, JD, LLM- Novitas Contractor Medical Director  Gavin McKinnon, MD, CRC, CHCQM- Novitas Contractor Medical Director  Claudia Campos, MD, FACP- Novitas Contractor Medical Director  Benita Jackson, MD, MPH, FACPM, CHCQM, CPHQ- First Coast Contractor Medical Director  Anita Graves, MD, MMM, FCCP, FAASM- First Coast Contractor Medical Director  Alice Mierzwa, MPH, BSN, RN, CPC – Novitas Medical Policy Nurse  PRESENTERS  No registered presenters |

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PRESENTATION

Mandy McGarvey

Good morning. I'm Mandy McGarvey, your WebEx host for today's Open Meeting. Before we get started, I want to remind everyone that this meeting is being recorded. At this time, I'm going to turn things over to Executive Contractor Medical Director Dr. Patrick Mann. Dr. Mann?

Dr. Patrick Mann

Thank you, Mandy. Good afternoon. I would like to welcome everyone to First Coast’s August Open meeting. My name is Dr. Patrick Mann, Novitas and First Coast Executive CMD. Joining me today are my Novitas and First Coast colleagues, Dr. Claudia Campos, Dr. Anitra Graves, Dr. Benita Jackson, Dr. Gavin McKinnon, Dr. David Sommers, and Alice Mierzwa.

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We are holding today’s Open meeting to discuss the review of the evidence and the rationale for a proposed LCD revision that is based on an LCD consolidation. Open meetings allow interested parties the opportunity to present information and offer comments related to new proposed LCDs and/or the revised portion of a proposed LCD during the 45-day comment period.

The proposed LCD topic for today’s meeting is:

• DL33693 Peripheral Venous Ultrasound

During today’s meeting, interested parties have the opportunity to make presentations of information related to the proposed LCDs. Please remember, today’s call is being recorded and we request that all formal comments be submitted in writing before the end of the comment period on September 16, 2023. We encourage you to submit full-text published evidence supporting your recommendations/comments. This is a critical component in affecting any change.

At this time, I would like to turn it over to I would like to turn it over to Alice Mierzwa to provide a brief overview of the proposed LCD Peripheral Venous Ultrasound.

Alice Mierzwa

Thank you, Dr. Mann. We are aligning the Novitas and First Coast LCDs and LCAs in response to several inquiries specific to the differences in the diagnosis codes within the current articles. Once this revision to the LCD becomes effective, the current First Coast LCD L33693 Non-Invasive Evaluation of Extremity Veins and the related billing and coding article (A57125) will be replaced with this revised policy. The title has been changed for both Novitas and First Coast to Peripheral Venous Ultrasound.

The LCD provides medically reasonable and necessary indications for non-invasive peripheral venous studies based on the available current evidence. Venous ultrasound studies are performed to assess irregularities in the vasculature of the extremities. The revised LCD considers ultrasound while on adequate anticoagulant therapy not medically reasonable and necessary unless it will change the course of treatment. Additionally, the specific provider qualifications and the once-a-year limitation statement has been removed from the LCD.

Dr. Patrick Mann

Thank you, Alice.

Since there are no presenters for this LCD, I would like to thank everyone for their participation in today’s Open meeting and remind you to submit comments in writing before the end of the comment period on September 16, 2023. We encourage you to submit full-text published evidence supporting your recommendations/comments. This is a critical component in affecting any change. The meeting is adjourned.