

Applying and Understanding the WPATH Standards of Care (SOCv7) through the Health Plan Providers Lens Evidence-based, Diagnosis, Treatment, and Procedure Codes for Coverage, Approvals, and Appeals

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES AND OVERVIEW

WPATH is committed to assisting clinicians with transgender and gender diverse clients, as they navigate their healthcare, in order to ensure that insurance coverage is adequate, competent, and complete.

In order to accomplish this, WPATH is pleased to announce the launch of a program specifically designed for insurance carriers and their team members, to help alleviate their risk by providing information that is evidence-based regarding diagnosis, and treatment. This will assist with answering questions regarding initial coverage, approvals, and appeals.

This program will discuss healthcare coverage needed by transgender and gender diverse individuals in the following areas: history, primary care, hormone therapy, mental health, fertility, preparation for surgery, surgical options, post-surgical care, and other procedures and services that are medically necessary and unique to the transgender and gender diverse patients' health and well-being.

The program has 3 components:

- 1. Recorded Didactic Sessions all attendees will view these, prior to attending their livestreamed panel.
 - a. Included with these sessions attendees will receive handouts for future review, that will include common procedure codes for items discussed.
- 2. Livestreamed Panel attendance at a 2-hour livestreamed, multi-specialty, panel discussion, that will help to further answer questions for all attendees.
 - a. Attendees should come prepared with specific questions for the panel.
- 3. SOCv8 Update participation to learn first-hand, the updates in diagnosis, treatment, and appropriate approvals, in SOCv8, which is set to be published in December 2021.

a. This will help carriers maintain and update coverage with the latest evidencebased practice guide, to help mitigate risk.

The sessions will be taught by world-renowned specialists in their fields, who are familiar with the needs and requests of their transgender and gender diverse clients. They all have extensive knowledge of what insurance carriers should be covering to ensure their health and well-being.

PROGRAM COST STRUCTURE – Please Contact Us

Group/Company/Insurer Program Fee	One-Time Program Fee
Registration Fee per Participant	Fees are scaled based on number of registered participants.
Future Participants	With your paid program fee, you may add additional participants by only paying the registration fee. Program Fee is good for completion of one-round of the 3 components.

NEXT STEPS

This program will be available beginning Spring 2021, with the didactic presentations available. The livestreamed panels will begin in late Spring 2021. Additional panels will be added as needed, based on participation.

Contact Blaine Vella, WPATH Executive Director, at <u>blaine@wpath.org</u>, to initiate the Memo of Understanding (MOU) for your group, to secure a spot in the program.

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