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## **Magnetic Esophageal Ring For The Treatment Of Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease(GERD) (LINX Reflux Management System®) MP9471**

**Covered Service:** Yes

**Prior Authorization Required:** Yes

**Additional Information:** None

### **Prevea360 Health Plan Medical Policy:**

- 1.0 Magnetic esophageal sphincter augmentation (LINX® Reflux Management System **requires** prior authorization through the Health Services Division and is considered medically necessary for members when documentation in the medical record indicates **ALL** of the following criteria are met:
  - 1.1 The member has objective evidence of GERD, as defined by **ONE** of the following:
    - 1.1.1 An abnormal pH study; **OR**
    - 1.1.2 Grade A or B esophagitis as evidenced by endoscopy (LA classification of GERD); **AND**
  - 1.2 The member has a diagnosis of refractory GERD as evidenced by **ALL** of the following:
    - 1.2.1 Member has failed proton pump inhibitor (PPI) therapy, and medical records include length of PPI trial and results; **AND**
    - 1.2.2 Failure of Other nonsurgical treatments such as weight loss, smoking cessation, and avoidance of trigger foods (not an all-inclusive list). The length of trial and results should be documented in the medical record.
- 2.0 The following indications are considered experimental and investigational and therefore not medically necessary or are contraindications for the procedure:
  - 2.1 Hiatal hernia greater than 3 cm in size
  - 2.2 Severe esophagitis – Grade C or D as determined by the Los Angeles Classification system
  - 2.3 Major motility disorder or ineffective esophageal motility.
  - 2.4 Member with suspected or known allergies to titanium, stainless steel, nickel or ferrous materials
  - 2.5 Members who have an implanted device such as pacemakers or defibrillators

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