**67:16:01:06.02.  Covered services must be medically necessary.** Services covered under this article must be medically necessary. To be medically necessary, the covered service must meet the following conditions:

(1)  It is consistent with the recipient's symptoms, diagnosis, condition, or injury;

(2)  It is recognized as the prevailing standard and is consistent with generally accepted professional medical standards of the provider's peer group;

(3)  It is provided in response to a life-threatening condition; to treat pain, injury, illness, or infection; to treat a condition that could result in physical or mental disability; or to achieve a level of physical or mental function consistent with prevailing community standards for diagnosis or condition;

(4)  It is not furnished primarily for the convenience of the recipient or the provider; and

(5)  There is no other equally effective course of treatment available or suitable for the recipient requesting the service which is more conservative or substantially less costly.

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