

What are new technologies?

New technologies are medical and/or behavioral health services, including treatments, procedures and devices, that have been recently introduced to the market, but are still considered investigational or experimental. Some may have been recently approved for use by the Food and Drug Administration but not adopted yet as a “standard of care” in the medical community.

How are new technologies evaluated for inclusion in the benefit package?

AdventHealth Advantage Plans may receive requests from members and physicians for coverage of new technologies. While new technologies are always exciting and come with great expectations, it is not always clear that they will provide the most effective treatment options for patients. We're committed to looking carefully at such services to be sure they are safe, helpful in treating or maintaining health, reasonably cost effective, and not subject to being used for purposes other than those intended.

AdventHealth Advantage Plans has a committee of other clinicians from various specialties, as well as medical directors and staff pharmacists, who evaluate new technologies to determine if they should be covered. We consider the thoroughness of research behind the new service, clinical trial results and the anticipated value to our members. We also research and evaluate literature, and invite physicians requesting the service to present their findings before we make a decision. To ensure decisions are unbiased and made solely for the benefit of our members, the majority of committee members is not financially tied to the Health Plan, and any participating physician is welcome to participate in the process.

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