InterQual[®] Evidence-Based Development Unmatched Clinical Integrity

1) InterQual Clinical Development Team Identifies Content for Development & Updating

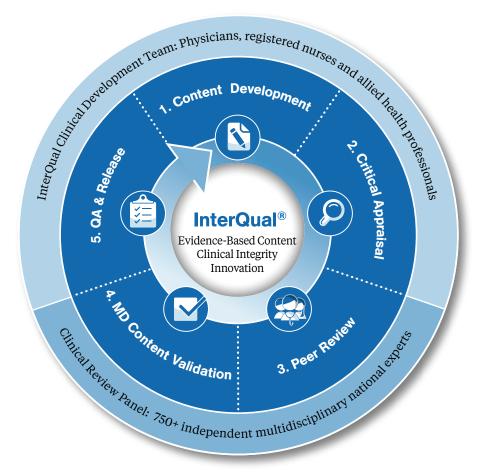
- Teams of physicians, registered nurses and allied health professionals
- Monitors latest evidence, market trends and client needs to identify, asses and case test potential new offerings and changes to existing content
- Evaluates industry and regulatory trends in practice, coverage and reimbursement

2) InterQual Clinical Development Team Critically Appraises the Clinical Evidence

- Comprehensively reviews medical literature (including behavioral health) and other respected sources
- Evaluates validity using extensive training and experience in evidence-based medicine
- Incorporates new evidence
- Classifies and cites sources used

3) Independent Clinical Review Panel, Drawn from 750+ Experts, Provides Authoritative Peer Review

 All physician panel members are board certified in the specialties they review; licensed, credentialed or both in their areas of practice, actively practicing and screened for conflicts of interest



- Multiple reviewers from across the country evaluates each proposed new criteria and criteria change for correct interpretation of the literature
- Provide expert guidance on standards of care for areas not conducive to clinical trials

4) New Set of Independent Physician Experts Validates Content

• Provides additional round of expert review to validate clinical accuracy

- Confirms that the content reflects current standards of care for areas not conducive to clinical trials
- 5) InterQual Clinical Development Team Conducts Final Quality Assurance Check & Releases Content
- Reviews for clinical consistency and completeness across products
- Prepares approved content for distribution