GUIDELINES
This policy does not certify benefits or authorization of benefits, which is designated by each individual policyholder contract. Paramount applies coding edits to all medical claims through coding logic software to evaluate the accuracy and adherence to accepted national standards. This guideline is solely for explaining correct procedure reporting and does not imply coverage and reimbursement.

DESCRIPTION
High resolution anoscopy (HRA) is a procedure which allows for examination and evaluation of the anal canal using a high resolution magnifying instrument (10 - 40x magnification), a colposcope. The anal canal is examined following the application of a mild acidic liquid to the anal canal that aides in the identification of abnormal tissue such as anal dysplasia. If suspicious lesions are found, biopsies are obtained for microscopic examination. HRA is performed in the office and generally lasts approximately fifteen minutes.

Anal squamous dysplasia describes a spectrum of diseases that ranges from low-grade squamous intraepithelial lesions to (LSIL) to higher grade squamous lesions (HGSIL) or to invasive anal squamous cell carcinoma (SCC). Recent reports have shown a significant increase in squamous lesions in immunocompromised individuals and men who have sex with men (MSM). These lesions are associated with chronic infection with the human papillomavirus (HPV).

POLICY
High resolution anoscopy (HRA) (46601, 46607, G6027, G6028) does not require prior authorization for HMO, PPO, Individual Marketplace, & Elite.

High resolution anoscopy (HRA) (46601, 46607, G6027, G6028) is non-covered for Advantage.

HMO, PPO, Individual Marketplace, Elite
High resolution anoscopy (HRA) may be considered medically necessary for the DIAGNOSIS of a suspicious anal lesion in individuals with abnormal anal physical findings including, but not limited to the following:

- anogenital warts
- hypo-pigmented or hyper-pigmented plaques/lesions
- lesions that bleed
- any other lesions of uncertain etiology

High resolution anoscopy is considered investigational when used as a screening test for anal dysplasia and anal cancer and is therefore non-covered.

Advantage
High resolution anoscopy (HRA) is non-covered for all indications.

CODING/BILLING INFORMATION
The appearance of a code in this section does not necessarily indicate coverage. Codes that are covered may have selection criteria that must be met. Payment for supplies may be included in payment for other services rendered.

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TAWG REVIEW DATES: 09/17/2015

REVISION HISTORY EXPLANATION
09/17/15: Policy created to reflect most current clinical evidence per TAWG.

REFERENCES/RESOURCES
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, CMS Manual System and other CMS publications and services
Ohio Department of Medicaid http://jfs.ohio.gov/
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System, HCPCS Release and Code Sets
Industry Standard Review
Hayes, Inc.