

NOTICE OF MEDICAL POLICY CHANGES

Date: November 1, 2025

The chart(s) below provide a high-level overview of new/revised/archived Medical Policies.

Updated and new medical policies are posted at <https://www.bluecrossvt.org/providers/provider-policies>. We encourage you to review the medical policies in their entirety. Some of the changes may affect eligible services, non-covered services, services that are not medically necessary, prior approval requirements or investigational services. The changes to these policies may also affect financial responsibilities for members and/or providers.

Revisions to Previous Policy Notifications

Policy Name: Genetic and Genomic Testing for the Diagnosis and Management of Select Cancers and Genetic Diseases

Policy Type: Medical Policy

Summary:	New policy published noting CPT code 81479 suspends for medical review, corrected to requiring prior authorization.
Effective Date:	December 1, 2025
Link to Policy/Manual:	https://www.bluecrossvt.org/documents/genetic-and-genomic-testing-diagnosis-and-management-select-cancers-and-genetic-diseases-12-1-25

60-Day Advanced Notice Policy Changes

Policy Name: Tumor Treatment Fields for CNS Cancers

Policy Type: Medical Policy

Summary:	Policy reviewed. Minor grammatical changes and updates to summary section made. References updated. No changes to policy statement.
Effective Date:	January 1, 2026
Link to Policy/Manual:	https://www.bluecrossvt.org/documents/tumor-treatment-fields-cns-cancers-2025

Policy Name: Electrical Stimulation of the Spine as an Adjunct to Spinal Fusion Procedures

Policy Type: Medical Policy

Summary:	Policy reviewed. Reference updated. No change to policy statement.
Effective Date:	January 1, 2026
Link to Policy/Manual:	https://www.bluecrossvt.org/documents/electrical-stimulation-spine-2025

Policy Name: Wearable Cardioverter Defibrillators

Policy Type: Medical Policy

Summary:	Policy reviewed, pediatric and implantable indications updated. Updated references. Minor formatting changes for consistency.
Effective Date:	January 1, 2026
Link to Policy/Manual:	https://www.bluecrossvt.org/documents/wearable-cardioverter-defibrillators-2025

Policy Name: Investigational Services and Procedures

Policy Type: Medical Policy

Summary:	Effective 01/01/2026: Removed code 55706 from coding table the code will require prior approval if criteria are met. Removed code 82610 from the coding table from investigational, the code will be considered medically necessary if criteria are met. Added codes 0422T, E0936, Q4236 to coding table.
Effective Date:	January 1, 2026
Link to Policy/Manual:	https://www.bluecrossvt.org/documents/investigational-services-january-2026

Notice of Right to Object in Writing

In accordance with 18 V.S.A. § 9418c contracted providers have the right to object to new or modified policies and manuals.

Providers who object must do so within 60 days of the date the notice related to a policy or manual change. The rationale for the objection to the change must be in writing including related area(s) of the policy or manual and rationale or reasoning for the objection.

These objections are to be directed to Provider Contracting. This can be done by email at: providercontracting@bcbsvt.com or US Postal Service BCBSVT Attn: Provider Contracting, PO Box 186, Montpelier, VT 05601.

Within 5 business days of receipt, the sender will receive confirmation of receipt of the objection.