

April 1, 2022

Dear Provider/Facility:

The chart below provides a high-level overview of revised Medical Policies that are effective for dates of service June 1, 2022, or after.

Updated medical policies are posted at least 30 days prior to their effective dates at bluecrossvt.org/provider.

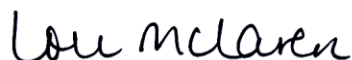
We encourage you to review the medical policies in their entirety. Some of the changes may affect eligible services, non-covered services, services that are not medically necessary, prior approval requirements or investigational services. The changes to these policies may also affect financial responsibilities for members and/or providers.

Policy Title	High-Level Overview
Breast Surgery and Breast Prosthesis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> References updated Clarification to breast reduction criteria to include conservative treatment duration of 3 months Clarification of risk-reducing mastectomy section Removed codes 19301-19303 from requiring prior approval
Drug Testing in Pain Management and Substance Use Disorder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formerly titled: Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Pain Management: Urine Drug Testing Removed superfluous and outdated description/summery content Updated and streamlined language throughout description, background, and policy guidelines Clarified Maintenance Stage testing. References updated Codes 82077 & 0007U added as medically necessary Codes 0143U – 0150U added as not medically necessary Codes 0227U and P2031 added as investigational Codes 80305-80307, 0011U, G0480-G0483 and G0659 have new instructions added to coding table not to exceed (50) units combined limit (Presumptive Drug Testing & Definitive Drug Testing in the table) per plan year. Removed ICD-10-CM coding table

Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical necessity criteria for custom fabricated knee braces added • Clarified language under oxygen therapy and supplies section • Updated benefit exclusion section for custom knee braces • Codes L1810, L1834, L1840, L1846, L1860 as requiring prior approval regardless of billed amount
Monitored Anesthesia Care (MAC) during Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, Bronchoscopy, or Interventional Pain Procedures in Outpatient Settings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarifications added on prolonged procedures, upper lip bite score • References updated

Thank you for your time. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please feel free to contact your provider relations consultant by email at providerrelations@bcbsvt.com or by phone at (888) 449-0443 option 1. Business hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except holidays.

Sincerely,



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