

October 2020 Medical Policy Announcements

Posted: October 2020

New and revised policies: Effective January 2021 (for variable effective dates see table below)

Clarified policies: Posted October 2020 (for variable posted dates see table below)

Retired policies: Effective October 2020

To make it easier for providers to find the new policies and revisions, the Medical Policy Administration department is posting the following searchable lists of new, revised, clarified and retired policies.

The following tables of contents are organized by policy type and alphabetically by policy title. The entries in each table are also color coded to help identify new, revised, clarified and retired policies. Clicking on a title in any of the tables of contents will take you to a summary of the new or revised policy.

A full draft version of each policy is available **only by request, to ordering participating clinician providers, one month prior to the effective date of the policy**. To request draft policies, contact Medical Policy Administration at ebr@bcbsma.com.

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NEW MEDICAL POLICIES					
New Medical Policy Title	Policy Number	Policy Summary	Effective Date	Products Affected	Policy Type
None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

REVISED MEDICAL POLICIES					
Medical Policy Title	Policy Number	Policy Change Summary	Effective Date	Products Affected	Policy Type
Prostatic Urethral Lift	744	Repeat procedures added to the investigational policy statement.	January 1, 2021	Commercial Medicare	Urology
Stereotactic Radiosurgery and Stereotactic Body Radiotherapy	277	New medically necessary indications and criteria described for SBRT for pancreatic cancer, prostate cancer, and extracranial oligometastatic disease. SBRT clinical exception form #922 will be retired.	January 1, 2021	Commercial	Hematology Oncology

CLARIFICATIONS TO MEDICAL POLICIES

Medical Policy Title	Policy Number	Policy Change Summary	Posted Date	Products Affected	Policy Type
Medical Technology Assessment Investigational (Non-Covered) Services List	400	Ongoing investigational CPT code 96904 added. Code was transferred from retired policy #519 Optical Diagnostic Devices for Evaluating Skin Lesions Suspected of Malignancy. Ongoing investigational CPT 82107 added. Code was transferred from retired investigational policy #504 Alpha-Fetoprotein-L3 for Detection of Liver Cancer.	October 1, 2020	Commercial Medicare	Dermatology Oncology

RETIRED MEDICAL POLICIES

Medical Policy Title	Policy Number	Policy Change Summary	Effective Date	Products Affected	Policy Type
Alpha-Fetoprotein-L3 for Detection of Liver Cancer	504	Investigational policy is retired. Investigational CPT code 82107 added to MP #400 Medical Technology Assessment Investigational (Non-Covered) Services List.	October 1, 2020	Commercial Medicare	Oncology Gastro- enterology
Occlusion of Uterine Arteries Using Transcatheter Embolization	242	Policy is retired.	October 1, 2020	Commercial Medicare	Gynecology
Optical Diagnostic Devices for Evaluating Skin Lesions Suspected of Malignancy	519	Investigational policy is retired. Investigational CPT code 96904 added to MP #400 Medical Technology Assessment Investigational (Non-Covered) Services List.	October 1, 2020	Commercial Medicare	Dermatology Oncology
Transrectal Ultrasound for Staging Rectal Cancer	679	Policy is retired.	October 1, 2020	Commercial Medicare	Oncology Urology
Transrectal Ultrasound of the Prostate	680	Policy is retired.	October 1, 2020	Commercial Medicare	Oncology Urology

New 2020 Category III CPT Codes

All category III CPT Codes, including new 2020 codes, are **non-covered** unless they are explicitly described as “medically necessary” in a BCBSMA medical policy. To search for a particular code, click the following link: [Medical Policy | Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts](#) and type the code in the search box on the page. Consult the coverage statement of any associated medical policy. ***If there is no associated policy, the code is non-covered.***