



Commercial PPO/HMO Medical Policy Updates

Customer Edition

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Listed below are recent medical policy updates approved by the Joint Uniform Medical Policy Committee.

Medical policy updates

- **OncoHealth joins Oncology Value Management program**
 - Blue Cross® is transitioning the Oncology Value Management (OVM) program from Carelon to a new vendor, OncoHealth. The change in vendors will allow OncoHealth to manage both professional and facility pharmacy and medical benefits, and additional program enhancements, such as dose optimization.
 - This is effective Jan. 1, 2025.
- **Skin and tissue substitutes changed from experimental to payable**
 - The safety and effectiveness of skin and tissue substitutes approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services have been established for individuals meeting specified selection criteria. They may be useful therapeutic options when indicated.
 - This is effective Nov. 1, 2024.
- **Influenza procedure code 90660 is payable for groups subject to National Health Care Reform**
 - Medical Affairs approves expanding immunization benefits to allow coverage for procedure code 90660 Influenza virus vaccine, trivalent, live (LAIV3), for intranasal use for all groups subject to National Health Care Reform.
 - The preventive cost share waiver will also apply to HSA/HRA groups that are subject to Safe Harbor regulations. The service will be considered preventive, no matter what diagnosis is billed. Diagnosis restrictions does not apply.
 - This is effective Aug. 1, 2024.

- **Updates to the medically necessary and elective abortion diagnosis lists for pregnancy terminations.**
 - Pregnancy termination is considered an established procedure when inclusionary criteria are met.
 - Adding additional payable diagnosis to the medically necessary abortion diagnosis list.
 - This is effective Jan. 1, 2025.

You can find additional information regarding each of the above-mentioned medical policy updates by reviewing the full medical policy. All current Blue Cross and BCN medical policies are accessible via our **Medical Policy Router Search: [Medical Policy and Pre-Cert/Pre-Auth Router \(bcbsm.com\)](https://bcbsm.com)**

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