



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

- **Autism Cost Share Changing to Office Visit Equivalent**
 - ABA Therapy cost share requirements have been updated.
 - ABA cost share requirements align with the office visit cost share requirement.
 - This is effective January 1, 2025
- **Updates to the Exclusionary Guidelines for the Cardiac Rehabilitation, Outpatient policy**
 - Short-term outpatient Phase II cardiac rehabilitation has been established as safe and effective.
 - This should be as an accepted standard therapy in patients with a history of specific cardiac conditions or procedures.
 - Effective September 1, 2024
- **Add Procedure Code 92523 to the Autism Speech therapy Benefit**
 - Evaluation of speech sound production added as payable under Autism benefit when billed with designated diagnosis codes
 - Unlimited evaluations per calendar year
- **Meningococcal and Pneumococcal vaccines payable for groups subject to National Health Care Reform**
 - Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan’s benefit policy is expanding to allow both the Meningococcal and Pneumococcal vaccines to be payable without member cost share for all groups subject to National Health Care Reform.
 - The preventive cost share waiver will apply to HSA/HRA groups that are subject to Safe Harbor regulations. These procedures are considered preventive, no matter what diagnosis is billed.
 - Effective June 17, 2024

- **Registered Dieticians are Payable for Out of State Only**

- BCBSM Medical Affairs and its partners have agreed to add registered dieticians as a payable provider to accommodate out of state billing guidelines.
- This change is applicable to out of state plans only and will not change Michigan's current claim processing as Michigan does not recognize or register dieticians as a payable provider.

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).

Questions? Reach out to your Blue Cross sales representative or general agent.

Please note that required updates to the claims processing system may not be completed until after the effective date of the Medical Policy change. In addition, please note that the updates included within this document are specific to *Medical* Policy changes and do not include changes made to Pharmacy policies.