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GENERAL

- Elective admissions, in or out of area, all levels of care
- Outpatient procedures in all Hospitals and Ambulatory Surgery Centers
- Out of network or non-par procedures and services
- Experimental or investigational procedures
- New FDA approved medications >\$500
- Medicare Part B Rx Injectable and home infusion drugs listed below:
 - Alpha-1-Proteinase Inhibitors
 - Antihemolytics
 - Biologicals
 - Botox
 - Cardiovascular agents
 - Coagulation modifiers
 - Cosmetic agents
 - Endocrine/metabolic agents
 - Fertility
 - Growth hormone
 - Hemophilia factors
 - Immunological agents
 - Interferon
 - IV Bisphosphonates
 - IV Chemo
 - IV Iron products
 - IVIG
 - MS drugs (Dalfampridine, Glatiramer, Interferon beta-1b, Mitoxantrone, Natalizumab, Cladribine, Fingolimod, Teriflunomide, Alemtuzumab)
 - N Plate
 - Ophthalmologic agents
 - Specific Enzymes (Cerzyme, Pulmozyme or Enzyme replacement agents)
 - Stem cell stimulating factors
 - Xiaflex
- Labs not performed at a preferred provider, outpatient/non-emergent/non-preoperative
- Radiology not performed at preferred provider
- Facility sterilization
- Non-emergency transportation

HOME HEALTH / THERAPY SERVICES

- Home Health Care
- Injectables, IVs at home
- PT/OT/ST exceeding 9 visits

ANY DME with a billed amount OVER \$500 and the list below:

- Beds – specialty
- Travel O2
- Bone growth stimulators
- Braces, splints, air casts
- Breast prostheses and bras S/P mastectomy
- CPAP/BIPAP purchase and supplies
- Orthotic/Prosthetic – devices, supplies and repairs
- Diabetic continuous glucose monitoring
- Diabetic insulin pump and supplies
- Diabetic orthotic inserts
- Diabetic shoes

HOMEBOUND SERVICES

- PICC lines
- Podiatry
- Portable x-rays

OB SERVICES

- Artificial insemination
- C-section, elective
- OB ultrasound > 2
- The following procedures when performed in hospital (non-OB check)
 - Fetal biophysical
 - OB ultrasounds – ALL

SURGICAL/PROCEDURE PHYSICIANS' OFFICE

- Any office procedure > \$2,500.00 Medicare allowable
- Mohs' surgery
- Oral surgery
- Plastic/reconstructive surgeries

RADIOLOGY

- CT
- CTA
- MRI
- MRA
- MRV
- Myelogram
- Angiogram
- Nuclear studies
- PET

OTHER PROVIDERS WHO REQUIRE PRIOR AUTHORIZATIONS

- All non-par specialties
- Genetic counseling
- Oral surgery
- Pain management
- Plastic surgery
- Neurosurgery (SPINE ONLY)
- Chiropractic

INPATIENT ADMISSIONS & OBSERVATIONS: Prior authorization is not required for emergent inpatient admissions. Authorization of the stay (including notification of observations) is required prior to claim payment. Please submit a face sheet as a form of notification to allow for authorization entry and concurrent review.

OUT OF NETWORK SERVICES: Participating primary care providers and specialists must obtain prior authorization for any referral of non-emergency care to a non-participating HC facility or provider.

EXPERIMENTAL OR INVESTIGATIONAL ITEMS: Any drugs, services, treatment or supplies that the BCBSAZ Advantage & P3 medical staff determines, with appropriate consultation, to be experimental, investigational or unproven are not covered services.

ORGANIZATIONAL DETERMINATION STATUS DEFINITIONS:
Expedited: When the enrollee or his/her physician believes that waiting for a decision under the standard time frame could place the enrollee's life, health, or ability to regain maximum function in serious jeopardy.

Standard: Determination must be made as expeditiously as the enrollee's health condition requires, but no later than 14 calendar days after the organization receives the request.

***AUTHORIZATION REQUESTS MUST COME FROM THE ORDERING PROVIDER NOT A RECEIVING FACILITY OR VENDOR (ex: infusion center, orthotics, radiology, SNF, AIR)**

Procedures and Diagnostic Tests

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Allergy

- Subcutaneous Immunotherapy
- Sublingual Immunotherapy
- Patch or Application Testing
- Percutaneous and intracutaneous Allergy Testing
- Quantitative Allergen-Specific IgE Antibody Assays
- Food allergy testing

Cardiology

- Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitoring, 24-Hour
- Brachytherapy (Cardiovascular)
- Cardioverter-Defibrillator, Wearable
- Electrical Bioimpedance, Measurement of Cardiac Output
- Enhanced External Counterpulsation (EECP)
- Exercise Treadmill Test (ETT) with ECG
- Holter Monitor (24-Hour to 48-Hour Continuous Monitoring)
- Loop Recorder (Cardiac Event Monitor), Implantable
- Loop Recorder (Cardiac Event Monitor), Non-Implantable
- Microvolt T-Wave Alternans
- Patch-Type Cardiac Monitor
- Pharmacologic Stress Echocardiography
- Stress Echocardiography
- Tilt Table Testing
- Transesophageal Echocardiography (TEE)
- Transthoracic Echocardiography (TTE), Resting

Cardiovascular Surgery

- Cardiac Pacemaker Implantation
- Carotid Artery Angioplasty with Stent Placement (CAS)
- Endovascular Intervention, Iliac and Femoral Popliteal
- Endovascular Repair (EVR), Thoracic Aorta
- Saphenous Vein Ablation, Laser
- Saphenous Vein Ablation, Radiofrequency
- Saphenous Vein Stripping
- Sclerotherapy Plus Ligation, Saphenofemoral Junction
- Sclerotherapy, Leg Veins
- Stab Phlebectomy
- Vertebral Artery Angioplasty, with or without Stent Placement

General Surgery

- Abdominoplasty
- Breast Biopsy, Percutaneous: Needle Core or Fine Needle Aspiration
- Ductal Lavage
- Hemorrhoidectomy
- Mastectomy for Gynecomastia
- Myotomy, Lower Esophageal Sphincter: Open or Laparoscopic
- Panniculectomy
- Radiofrequency Energy Delivery to Gastroesophageal Junction (Stretta)
- Reduction Mammoplasty
- Scar Revision
- Transoral (Endoluminal) Gastropliation or Suturing

Head and Neck Surgery

- Adenoidectomy
- Auditory Brainstem Implants
- Cochlear Implant
- Endolymphatic Sac Surgery
- Functional Endoscopic Sinus Surgery (FESS)
- Bone Anchored and Bone Conduction
- Middle Ear Hearing Aids, Implantable and Semi-implantable
- Lingual Frenuloplasty and Frenotomy (Frenectomy and Frenulectomy)
- Mandibular Osteotomy
- Maxillomandibular Osteotomy and Advancement
- Myringotomy with Tympanostomy Tube Insertion
- Oral Appliances (Mandibular Advancement Devices)
- Ossiculoplasty (Ossicular Reconstruction)
- Rhinoplasty
- Septoplasty
- Stapedectomy Stapedotomy
- Temporomandibular Joint Arthroplasty
- Temporomandibular Joint Arthroscopy
- Temporomandibular Joint Arthrotomy
- Temporomandibular Joint Modified Condylotomy
- Tongue Base Ablation, Radiofrequency and Other Tongue Procedures
- Tonsillectomy
- Turbinate Resection
- Tympanoplasty
- Uvulopalatopharyngoplasty (UPPP)
- Uvulopalatopharyngoplasty (UPPP), Alternative Procedures

Hematology - Oncology

- Therapeutic apheresis
- Autologous Blood Donation
- Brachytherapy
- Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT)
- Proton Beam Therapy
- Radiofrequency Ablation of Tumor
- Radionuclide (Strontium, Samarium, Radium) Therapy of Bone Metastases
- Sipuleucel-T
- Stereotactic Body Radiotherapy

Neurology

- EEG, Continuous Ambulatory Monitoring
- EEG, Noninvasive
- Electrical Nerve Stimulation, Transcutaneous (TENS)
- Electromagnetic Therapy
- Electromyography, Nerve Conduction Studies
- Evoked Potentials: SEP, MEP, BAEP, VEP
- Intracarotid Amobarbital (Wada) Test
- Magnetoencephalography
- Occipital Nerve Stimulation
- Static Magnetic Fields
- Vagus Nerve Stimulation (VNS)

Neurosurgery

- Microsurgical Resection Acoustic Neuroma
- Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS)
- Facet Joint Injection
- Implanted Electrical Stimulator, Sacral Nerve
- Implanted Electrical Stimulator, Spinal Cord
- Intrathecal Pump Implantation
- Migraine Headache, Surgical Treatment
- Nerve Block or Neurolysis, Celiac Plexus or Splanchnic Nerve
- Nerve Block or Neurolysis, Lumbar Sympathetic
- Nerve Block, Stellate Ganglion
- Nerve Block, Superior Hypogastric
- Pallidotomy
- Stereotactic Radiosurgery
- Thalamotomy

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Obstetrics and Gynecology

- Amniocentesis
- Assisted Reproductive Technology
- Chorionic Villus Sampling (CVS)
- Colposcopy
- Conization, Cervix
- Cryotherapy, Cervix
- Dilation and Curettage (D and C)
- Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Testing
- Hysteroscopy, with or without Endometrial Resection, Ablation, or Myomectomy
- Laparoscopic Uterosacral Nerve Ablation (LUNA)
- Laser Ablation, Cervix
- Loop Electrosurgical Excision Procedures (LEEP, LLETZ), Cervix
- MRI-Guided Focused Ultrasound, Uterus
- Ovarian and Internal Iliac Vein Embolization
- Photodynamic Therapy, Cervix
- Presacral Neurectomy
- Retropubic Suspension, Open or Laparoscopic
- Sling Procedures, Female
- Sperm-Hyaluronan Binding Assay (HBA)
- Uterine Artery Embolization

Ophthalmology

- Blepharoplasty, Canthoplasty, and Related Procedures
- Capsulotomy, Laser
- Cataract Removal, with or without Intraocular Lens Implant
- Corneal Hysteresis Measurement
- Focal Laser Treatment
- Iridectomy, Incisional or Laser
- Iridotomy, Laser
- Optical Coherence Tomography
- Photocoagulation, Macular Disease
- Photocoagulation, Panretinal
- Photodynamic Therapy with Verteporfin
- Scanning Laser Polarimetry (SLP) for Glaucoma
- Trabeculoplasty and Trabeculectomy, Laser

Orthopedics

- Autologous Chondrocyte Implantation, Knee
- Automated Percutaneous Lumbar Discectomy (APLD), Low Back Pain
- Bankart Lesion Repair, Open or Arthroscopic
- Carpal Tunnel Decompression Procedures: Open and Endoscopic
- Chemonucleolysis
- Collagen Meniscus Implant
- Cubital Tunnel Decompression Procedures
- Disk Arthroplasty, Cervical
- Disk Arthroplasty, Lumbar
- Diskography (Discography)
- Epidural Corticosteroid Injection
- Iliotibial Band Lengthening
- Meniscal Allograft Transplant
- Microfracture
- Mosaicplasty
- Osteochondral Allograft
- Platelet-Rich Plasma
- Release of Adhesive Capsulitis, Shoulder, Closed or Arthroscopic
- Removal of Calcium Deposits, Shoulder
- Spinal Distraction Devices
- Superior Labrum Anterior to Posterior (SLAP) Tear Repair, Arthroscopic
- Tarsal Tunnel Decompression Procedures
- Thermal Intradiscal Procedures (TIPs)
- Vertebroplasty and Kyphoplasty

Skin and Wound Care

- Dermoscopy, Handheld and Digital
- Laser Therapy, Skin
- Mohs Micrographic Surgery
- Noncontact Normothermic Wound Therapy
- Photochemotherapy, Skin
- Photodynamic Therapy, Skin
- Phototherapy, Skin
- Negative Pressure Wound Therapy (Vacuum-Assisted Wound Closure)

Thoracic Surgery and Pulmonary Disease

- Bronchial Thermoplasty
- Bronchoscopy, Diagnostic and Interventional
- CPAP Titration, Home (APAP)
- CPAP Titration, Sleep Center
- Hyperbaric Oxygen
- Multiple Sleep Latency Test (MSLT) and Maintenance of Wakefulness Test (MWT)
- Polysomnography (PSG), Portable or Home Sleep Study
- Polysomnography (PSG), Sleep Center
- Thoracic Outlet Decompression Procedures

Urology

- Artificial Urinary Sphincter
- Circumcision
- Cystoscopy
- Extracorporeal Shock Wave Lithotripsy (ESWL), Kidney
- High Intensity Focused Ultrasound (HIFU), Prostate
- Laser Surgery, Prostate
- Nephrolithotomy with or without Lithotripsy, Stent, or Basket Extraction: Percutaneous
- Percutaneous Tibial Nerve Stimulation (PTNS)
- Periurethral Bulking Injections
- Sling Procedures, Male
- Transurethral Electro vaporization, Prostate (TUVAP)
- Transurethral Incision, Prostate (TUIP)
- Transurethral Microwave Therapy (TUMT)
- Transurethral Needle Ablation (TUNA), Prostate
- Ureteroscopy
- Urodynamic Testing
- Water Induced Thermotherapy