



New and Emerging Technology - Coverage Status

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Enterprise Policy

Clinical Guidelines are written when necessary to provide guidance to providers and members in order to outline and clarify coverage criteria in accordance with the terms of the Member's policy. This Clinical Guideline only applies to PacificSource Health Plans, PacificSource Community Health Plans, and PacificSource Community Solutions in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington. Because of the changing nature of medicine, this list is subject to revision and update without notice. This document is designed for informational purposes only and is not an authorization or contract. Coverage determinations are Member policies differ in benefits and to the extent a conflict exists between the Clinical Guideline and the Member's policy, the Member's policy language shall control. Clinical Guidelines do not constitute medical advice nor guarantee coverage.

Background

New and emerging medical and behavioral healthcare procedures, pharmaceuticals, and devices (collectively "technologies") are often prescribed by physicians and/or marketed to the public before FDA or other government agency approval, or research is available in peer-reviewed literature documenting efficacy, safety, and long-term positive outcomes.

New and emerging technologies are reviewed by the New Technologies and Operational Criteria (NTOC) committee which is chaired by a PacificSource Medical Director. The PacificSource Behavioral Health Medical Director or behavioral healthcare professional designee is involved in the decision-making process for behavioral healthcare services. Pharmaceuticals are reviewed by the PacificSource Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) committee.

NTOC bases its recommendation of coverage on review and evaluation of the following resources:

- Available peer-reviewed and evidenced-based literature.
- Survey of standards of care and coverage
- Consultation with specialists and expert professionals
- PacificSource group and individual contracts
- Medicare and Medicaid requirements

This "New and Emerging Technologies – Coverage Status" policy outlines the evaluation process of new and emerging technology as well as coverage status of items considered experimental, investigational, or unproven.

New or updated guidelines and resources will be added, as appropriate, when new product lines added.

Procedure

Commercial

Evaluation Process

The NTOC committee reviews and evaluates new technology and new application of existing technology of medical and behavioral healthcare procedures and devices. NTOC committee members represent key departments and stakeholders who have operational insight or responsibility for applying the criteria developed by the committee. A PacificSource Medical Director chairs NTOC and ensures the Behavioral Health Medical Director or behavioral healthcare professional designee is involved in the decision-making process for behavioral healthcare services.

Agenda items for NTOC to review for coverage status are collected from multiple sources, which include, but are not limited to:

- New CPT or HCPCS codes
- New FDA approvals
- Provider inquiries
- Reports of new technology acquired by a community provider or anticipated to have widespread acceptance.
- Utilization reviews and trends
- Vendor requests – vendor requests for reassessment of coverage position are limited to an annual review unless there is a change in FDA status or Hayes, Inc. rating.

To inform its decision-making, NTOC Committee reviews peer-reviewed and evidence-based information, which indicates if the technology is in general use or a community standard, is under continued scientific review (testing/research), is shown to have a demonstratable benefit, or is shown to be safe and efficacious). The reviews may consist of the following:

- Technology assessment consisting of:
 - Information from appropriate government regulatory bodies such as Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS);
 - Assessment of peer-reviewed literature and their conclusions concerning:
 - Effect of the technology on health outcomes, with emphasis on random controlled clinical trial outcomes
 - Evidence comparing new technology to established alternatives.
 - Results attained outside of investigational settings, with emphasis on studies that were not underwritten by the manufacturer or other sponsor with financial interest in the service or technology.
 - Report on long term studies indicating improved health outcomes and clinical trials now recruiting or in process.
- Information available from evidence-based resources may vary depending on treatment procedure or device. The evidenced-based resources include the following resources, with additional resources reviewed as necessary based on the technology being reviewed:
 - Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)

- Carelon Medical Benefits Management Clinical Guidelines, formerly AIM (AIM Specialty Health) Clinical Guidelines
 - Alliance of Community Health Plans (ACHP)
 - American College of Radiology® (ACR)
 - American Hospital Formulary Service Drug Information (AHFS® DI™)
 - Bree Collaborative – Foundation for Health Care Quality
 - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
 - Cochrane Collaboration
 - Facts and Comparison®
 - Hayes, Inc., and Hayes Genetic Testing Evaluation Service
 - MCG Health
 - MEDLINE® (component of PubMed®)
 - Micromedex®
 - National Comprehensive Cancer Network® (NCCN)
 - National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE)
 - Oregon Health Evidence Review Commission (HERC)
 - Professional Societies Recommendations and Practice Guidelines
 - UpToDate®
 - U.S. Pharmacopeia Dispensing Information
 - Washington Health Technology Assessment (HTA)
 - Washington Health Technology Clinical Committee (HTCC)
- Survey of similar market carriers and their published coverage position and/or medical policy concerning the service of technology under review.
 - Utilization and authorization data, as available and applicable.

The PacificSource Medical Director may seek input or consult with specialists and professionals who have expertise in the technology when additional information is needed.

The NTOC committee, which includes a Medical Director, makes a determination based on the review of the technology that results in one of two options:

- Covered service, which may include developing specific clinical guidelines criteria.
- Deemed experimental, investigational, or unproven (E/I/U) and added to the “New and Emerging Technologies – Coverage Status” policy or as an E/I/U item to an existing policy related to the technology reviewed.
 - A technology may be indicated for archival (i.e., remains unproven but only requires a review upon request) when the following conditions are met:
 - The scientific evidence does not support clinical efficacy of the technology demonstrated by ONE of the following:

- There is no general use within the medical community, i.e., the technology does not meet community standards;
 - There have not been clinical studies for five or more years, indicating the technology is no longer under scientific review;
 - The technology has not been proven to have a demonstrable benefit or been shown to be safe and efficacious.
- Claims utilization indicates PacificSource has not received a request for a period of at least two years.
- The unproven technology which has been determined to be archivable, will be moved to an excel sheet (NTOC Agenda Review Schedule) on the [Special Function SharePoint site](#) and noted as archived in the modification history along with associated codes.

Quality Oversight

The “New and Emerging Technologies – Coverage Status” policy will be reviewed at least annually.

In addition, an annual report summarizing the NTOC review activity is presented to our Clinical Quality and Utilization Management (CQUM) committee, which consists of external providers and PacificSource Medical Directors, for review.

Medicaid

Oregon

PacificSource Community Solutions (PCS) follows Guideline Notes 172 and 173 of the OHP Prioritized List of Health Services for guidance on New and Emerging Technology. In the absence of OHP guidance, PCS will follow this policy.

Medicare

PacificSource Medicare follows CMS guidelines and criteria. In the absence of CMS guidelines and criteria, PacificSource Medicare will follow internal policy for determination of coverage and medical necessity.

Experimental/Investigational/Unproven Determinations for Coverage Status

The new and emerging medical technologies, in the following list have been determined by the NTOC Committee to be experimental, investigational, or unproven (E/I/U) and therefore are not covered. The impact of these technologies on health outcomes has not been established as the current scientific evidence is either not yet sufficient or does not support clinical efficacy.

The NTOC Committee has the authority to add new technologies or revise the determinations listed below based on additional review of current scientific evidence, advice, and recommendations by the NTOC Committee.

Experimental/Investigational/Unproven Determinations for Coverage Status

The following list of codes are for informational purposes only and may not be all-inclusive. Deleted codes and codes which are not effective at the time the service is rendered may not be eligible for reimbursement.

PROCEDURE	CPT HCPCS	COVERAGE STATUS
ALCAT Food Intolerance Test (Antigen Leukocyte Antibody Test; Cytotoxic Food Test; Automated Food Allergy Test or Bryan Test)	No Specific Code 83516	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven).
Allogeneic haemopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT) for Crohn's Disease	No Specific Code 36240	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Augmented Bone Graft (Augment Injectable Bone Graft) – ankle and/or hindfoot fusion (combination device/drug product)	No specific Code C1734	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Autologous Serum Eye Drops for treatment of dry eye disease and all other indications.	No specific code 68899	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Auricular Electro-acupuncture (Auricle Electro-acupuncture or Auricle Pulsed Stimulation) (acupuncture points on the ear) for any indication	S8930	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Automated Point-of-Care Nerve Conduction Studies (automated nerve conduction studies, e.g., AxonII, Brevio, NC-Stat DPN Check, NeuroMetrix Advance)	No Specific Code 95905, 95999, G0255	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Avance Nerve Graft (human nerve allograft) surgical repair of severed peripheral nerve discontinuities	No Specific Code 64910, 64912, 64913	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Avise CTD, Avise SLE, Avise MCV, Avise MTX, SLE-key-Rule Out Test – Prognostic tests for Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE) and Connective Tissue diseases	No Specific Code 84999, 81599, 0312U, 83520, 0062U	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Bioelectrical Impedance Analysis (BIA)/Bio Spectroscopy (BIS) (diagnose/monitor lymphedema)	93702 0358T	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Bone (Calcaneal) Marrow Aspirate Concentrate (e.g., Ankle arthrodesis, Nonunion bones, jaw surgery, all other indications)	No Specific Code 38232, 20999	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Breath Test for Heart Transplant Rejection marker to detect grade 3	No Specific Code 84999	Not covered

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(clinically significant) heart transplant rejection (e.g., Heartsbreath test)		(Experimental/Investigational/Unproven).
Bronchial Thermoplasty (BT) (e.g., Alair; Asthmatrix, Inc.) Asthma treatment and other respiratory indication	31660, 31661	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Cala Trio (Cala Health, Inc.) for Treatment of Essential Tremor – (also referred to as transcutaneous afferent patterned stimulation (TAPS)) (e.g.; Cala One and Cala Trio)	K1080 K1019	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
CardioMEMS (CM) HF System (Implantable Pulmonary Artery Pressure sensor device-(PAP)) to measure heart rate and pulmonary artery (PA) pressure	33289, C2624	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Coil embolization of hemorrhoids (Emborrhoid technique) embolization of the hemorrhoidal arteries.	No Specific Code 37241, 37244	Not Covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Comprehensive Arthroscopic Management (CAM) for Shoulder (minimally invasive surgical procedure)	No specific code 29999	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven).
Compression Garment for Trunk for lymphedema	No specific code E1399 E0677	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven).
Continuous Passive Motion (CPM) for Knees and all other joint	E0935, E0936	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven) (Legacy Employee Health Plan covers for knees)
Cryoablation for chronic rhinitis (allergic or nonallergic) (e.g., ClariFix device)	No Specific Code C9771, 30999	Not Covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Cranial Electrotherapy Stimulation (CES), also known as cranial electrical stimulation, transcranial electrical stimulation (e.g., Alpha Stimulation Device) for all indications	No Specific Code K1002, A4596	Not Covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)

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Craniotherapy/ Craniosacral therapy (CST) - (a noninvasive osteopathic technique) – all indications	No Specific Code 97799	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven).
DCISionRT Test (Multi-analytic assays with algorithmic analyses (MAAAs) – estimate the risk of recurrence of DICS or invasive carcinoma in individuals with DCIS	No Specific Code 0295U, 81599	Not covered (Experimental/investigational/Unproven)
DISC Nucleoplasty (Radiofrequency Coblation) a percutaneous disc decompression (PDD) or radiofrequency coblation -used to treat herniated discs (e.g., ArthroCare System, Per-D Spine Wand)	No Specific Code 62287, S2348	Not Covered (Experimental, Investigational/Unproven)
Electrocardiogram (ECG) signal analysis technologies (Signal-averaged electrocardiography (SAECG)) (e.g., Premier Heart's or 3D MP)	No Specific Code 93278, 93799	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven).
Endothelial Function Assessment or testing - Non-invasive (e.g., EndoPAT 2000 test, Peripheral Arterial Tonometry (PAT)) for risk of atherosclerosis and cardiovascular disease	No Specific Code 93998	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven).
Endoscopic Functional Luminal Imaging Probe (EndoFLIP)- (e.g., EndoFLIP 2.0 system) (Impedance Planimetry) – all indications	No Specific Code 91040	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Extra-osseous Subtalar Joint Implant for Talotarsal Stabilization (EOTTS) (Subtalar Arthroereisis) (Multiple Implants) for all indications	28899, S2117	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven).
Factors 7, 8 and 9 in Disseminated Intravascular Coagulation (DIC) – Not hemophilic	85230, 85240, 85250	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven).
Gait Analysis (computerized) (Motion Analysis) for all indications.	96000, 96001	Not Covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)

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Ganglion Impar block for Coccydynia, pelvic pain, and all other indications	No Specific Code 64999	Not Covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Geniculate artery embolization (GAE) (embolization of the knee) – treatment of osteoarthritis related knee pain	No Specific Code 37242 37244	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
HART CADhs® and HART CVE from Prevencio Inc. – for all indications	0308U 0309U	Not Covered (Experimental/investigational/unproven)
Hydrogen Breath Test/Methane Breath Test for Gastrointestinal Disorders	91065	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven).
Implantable shock absorber (e.g., MISHA knee system) for all indications	No Specific Code L8699	Not Covered (Experimental;/investigational/Unproven)
Interactive Metronome Training (e.g., attention deficit hyperactivity disorder or any other indication)	No Specific Code 97110, 97112	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Interferential Current Stimulation Therapy (IFS/ICT) (electrical stimulation) for all indications.	E1399, S8130, S8131	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Internal Neurolysis “nerve brushing or combing” – all indications	No Specific Code 64727, 69990	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Interphalangeal Joint implants/ metatarsophalangeal joint implants (e.g., Integra Silicone Implant, Swanson, Cartiva Implant, Primus; GAIT Implant)	No Specific Code 28291, 28899, L8641, L8642, L8658, L8699	Not Covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Intra-vascular Optical coherence tomography (OCT) Imaging of Coronary arteries (intracoronary OCT)	No Specific Code 92978, 92979	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Low-frequency ultrasound debridement devices (e.g.; MIST Therapy System; VersaJet System; Qoustic Wound Therapy System) for wound healing and reduction of chronic wound pain	97610	Not Covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)

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IsoPSA blood-based test to assess prostate cancer risk	0359U	Not Covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Jaw Motion Rehab System--(e.g., TheraBite Jaw Motion Rehabilitation System, OraStretch press, and Dynasplint Trismus System) – all indications	E1700, E1701, E1702	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Latera Nasal Implant (Absorbable nasal implants) for all indications	No Specific Code 30999 30468	Not covered (Experimental, Investigational/Unproven)
Lymphaticovenous Anastomosis (LVA) (Lymphovenous bypass or shunt) for lymphedema	No Specific Code 38999, 38308	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Magnetic Resonance Neurography (MRN), (also known as Magnetic Resonance Neurogram or MR Imaging of the Peripheral Nerves (PNI))	No Specific Code 76498	Not covered (Experimental/Investigation/Unproven) (AIM does not review)
Micro-Current Nerve Therapy (Stimulator) (MET) Devices (e.g., micro-electrical therapy (MET) - decreases pain and facilitate the healing process.	E1399	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven) (May available over the counter without a prescription refer to contract language for over the counter)
MicroGen DX qPCR & NGS Test (MicroGenDX) (also known as Next Generation testing) - test for bacterial/fungi Infection	0112U	Not covered (Experimental/investigational/unproven)
MI-HEART Ceramides Risk Score (measures the risk of adverse cardiovascular events) – for all indications	0119U	Not Covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
MiraDry System aka Microwave or electromagnetic energy (microwave thermolysis) for all indications of hyperhidrosis	No Specific Code 17999	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Monarch External Trigeminal Nerve Stimulation (eTNS) System for ADHD in children 7-12 y/o	K1016, K1017	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Monochromatic infrared energy (MIRE) (Anodyne Therapy System but not limited to) – (Infrared	97026, A4639, E0221	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)

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heating pad system, also known as a monochromatic infrared energy (MIRE) device)		
Nd: YAG laser vitreolysis (YAG Reflex Laser Systems, Ellex) - treatment of vitreous floaters	67031, 67299	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Navigated Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (nTMS) (Nexstim) Navigated transcranial magnetic stimulation (nTMS) presurgical planning	No Specific Code 64999	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Nociceptive Trigeminal Inhibition Tension Suppression System (NTI-TSS or NTI-tension suppression system) for Headaches and Migraines	No Specific Code 21110, D7880 D8210	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Occipital Nerve Stimulation (ONS) - intended to prevent migraines headaches and all other headaches	No Specific Code 64999, 61885, 61886, 64553	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Occipital Nerve Decompression Surgery (ONS) (Also known as Peripheral Occipital nerve decompression surgery or migraine surgery) for Migraine Headaches	No Specific Code 64716, 64722, 64732, 64999, 64640	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven).
OSSIOfiber Trimmable Nail System/Compression Screws - Orthopedic Surgeries fixation devices for all indications.	No Specific Code L8699	Not covered (Experimental/Investigation/Unproven) (May be included in surgical procedure)
Ovarian or Internal Iliac Vein Embolization for Treatment of Pelvic Congestion Syndrome	No Specific Code 37241	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/unproven)
Patency Capsule Testing (e.g., PillCam Patency, Agile System/Capsule) for all indications	No specific code, 91299	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Patient-Specific Cutting Guides (Patient-specific instruments (PSI) alternative to conventional cutting guides in orthopedic surgery	No Specific Code 0561T 0562T	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Percutaneous Needled Tenotomy (PNT) (US Percutaneous Needle	No Specific Code	Not covered

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Tenotomy, Percutaneous Fasciotomy) with or without Tenex Treatment System - for all indications	20999, 24357, 27599, 17999, 25999	(Experimental/Investigational/Unproven) (May be coded depending on the area of treatment)
Percutaneous epidural adhesiolysis (e.g.; RACZ Catheter) (Lysis of Epidural Adhesions) (e.g., treatment chronic back pain)	62263, 62264	Not covered (Experimental/investigational/unproven)
Percutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (PENS)/percutaneous neuromodulation therapy (PNT) all indications (e.g., chronic musculoskeletal or neuropathic pain)	No specific code E1399, 64999	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven).
Phenol Neurolysis Injection (Chemical Ablation neurolysis) (e.g., Prolotherapy when phenol used as a Sclerosing agent) all indications	No specific code 62281 (May be coded under Prolotherapy code M0076)	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven).
Platelet-rich Plasma injections or gels for all indications (e.g., Aurix aka AutoloGel)	0232T, P9020, G0465, G0460	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
PortableConnect/ ROMTech (ROMTech Portable Connect Rehab Adaptive Device) (e.g., postsurgical rehabilitative exercises) for all indications	No Specific Code E1399	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Pregnancy Ultrasound (Four-dimensional (4D) or (5D) five-dimensional imaging for all indications.	No Specific Code 76499, 76999	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Prescription Digital Therapeutics (PDT) (prescription-only software to manage medical disorders or diseases)	No Specific Code 99199, E1399, T1505, A9291, A9999 90912 90913 A9292	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Prolotherapy (Proliferation Therapy) (also known as Non-Surgical and Ligament and Tendon Reconstruction and Regenerative Joint Injection) for all indications including musculoskeletal pain	M0076	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)

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Pulsed electromagnetic stimulation (PEMF)/Target Pulsed Electromagnetic field therapy (tPEMF)/Electrical Magnetic Therapy (e.g., OthroCor Active Knee System, SoftPulse Device) for all indications	E0761	Not covered (Experimental/Investigation/Unproven)
Radiofrequency Intradiscal Biacuplasty (IBD) (e.g., Bialys TransDiscal System or Biacuplasty) (referred to as (TIPs)) for all indications	No Specific Code 22899	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Radiofrequency Nasal Valve w/VivAer Device – Treatment of nasal airway obstruction	30469	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Radiofrequency Thermocoagulation (RFTC) aka Percutaneous Intradiscal Radiofrequency Thermocoagulation (PIRFT) for all indications	No Specific Code 22526, 22527, 22899	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Regeneten Bioinductive Implant (RegenePro) for all indications	No Specific Code 15777, 29827, 29999, 23929	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
RESPeRate portable electronic breathing device (Biofeedback Device) to reduce Hypertension	No specific code E1399	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven) (May be contract exclusion for Biofeedback)
Reverse Axillary Lymphatic Mapping (ARM Technique where dye is injected - all indications	No Specific Code 38999, C9756, 92240	Not Covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
RhinAer Procedure (Aerin Medical) (posterior nasal nerve ablation using radiofrequency) for Treatment of Chronic Rhinitis	No Specific Code 30117 30999	Not Covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Schroth Method Therapy (Resistive Exercise), (Scoliosis Curvature Correction)	No Specific Code (May be listed with a Therapy Code 97140 97530	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
ShuntCheck® to detect fluid flow in CSF shunt	62252	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)

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SofPulse pulsed electromagnetic therapy (tPEMF) (Shortwave Diathermy device) for all indications	No Specific Code E0761	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Sphenopalatine Ganglion Nerve Block (with or without use of the Spheno-Cath device) for any indication including, but may not be limited to, headaches or trigeminal neuralgia.	No Specific Code 64505	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Stimulan Bone Void Filler (Stimulan Rapid Cure, Stimulan Bullet Mat, Stimulan Kits), (Calcium Sulfate Antibiotic carrier) for all indications.	C1713	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Subacromial Balloon Spacer Implantation (InSpace) Rotator cuff repair or any other indication	No Specific Code 29999. C9781	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Sublingual (Liquid) Immunotherapy form Allergy/Asthma treatment (SLIT, sublingual immunotherapy drops)	No Specific Code 95199	Not Covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven) (Pharmacy does not review)
Supraorbital Nerve Block Injection w/Ultrasound (SON) - for all indications (e.g., Migraine Headaches suboccipital neuralgia)	64400 64999	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Surface electromyography (SEMG) (Myovision; Insight Discovery also known as surface scanning EMG) to assess muscle function	S3900, 96002, 96003, 96004	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Thermography - (Digital Infrared Imaging, Computerized thermal imaging (CTI), (temperature gradient studies) for all indications	No Specific Code 93740, 93799, 76498	Not Covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Thermal Capsular Shrinkage Therapy (e.g.; Thermal capsulorrhaphy or Electrothermal Shrinkage) for all orthopedic indications	No Specific Code 29999, S2300, 25320	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
TissueCypher Barrett's Esophagus Assay (e.g., diagnosis and management of Barrett's	0108U	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)

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esophagus and other esophageal disorders)		
Trabecular Bone Score (TBS) Bone Mineral Density Measurement) to Predict Fracture Risk in Postmenopausal Patients	77089, 77090, 77091, 77092	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Transcatheter Mitral Valve Implant (TMVI) or replacement – mitral valve replacement	0483T 0484T	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Transcutaneous electrical joint stimulation (TEJSD), (BioniCare Bio 1000 System) for all indications	E0762	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Transcutaneous Vagal Nerve Stimulator (t-VNS) and Vagus Nerve Stimulation (VNS non-implantable) (e.g., depression/Bipolar/psychological disorders)	64568, 64569, 64570, C1767 C1822 L8680 K1020	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Transoral Incisionless Fundoplication (TIF) (Transesophageal Endoscopic Therapies) (i.e., EsophyX Stretta or MUSE) – all indications	No Specific Code 43210, 43257	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Three-Dimensional (3-D) Printed Orthopedic Implants-uses a computer-aided process with a 3D printer to build a customized implant.	0559T 0560T L8699	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Ultrasound-guided Percutaneous Barbotage procedure (needling and lavage procedure) -all indication except calcific tendinosis of the shoulder	No Specific Code 27299	Not Covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Vagus Nerve Stimulation (Non-implantable, noninvasive tVNS, gammaCore Sapphire Device) for cluster and migraine headaches	No Specific Code K1020	Not covered (Experimental/Investigation/Unproven)
Vascular Lymph Node Transfer (VLNT) also called lymph node transfer (LNT); Lymphatic By-pass Procedure) for all indications	No Specific Code 38999, 38308	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)

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Vertebral axial decompression (e.g., Lordex; VAX-D; DRX, and DRS System), (mechanized spinal distraction therapy or non-surgical traction device) for back pain	S9090	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Virtual Reality Cognitive Behavioral Health therapy device	E1905	Not Covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)
Wireless GI Motility Capsule Testing (e.g., SmartPill Mobility Testing System) – for all indications	91112	Not covered (Experimental/Investigational/Unproven)

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Related Policies

Category III Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Codes

Medical Necessity Reviews

Appendix

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Applicable regulation(s): NCQA UM 10(A)(B) – Evaluation of New Technology; Guideline Notes 172 and 173 of the OHP Prioritized List of Health Services for guidance on New and Emerging Technology; WAC 284-44-043, WAC 284-46-507, IDS 41-3930, 41-5903, MCA 33-32-1003, ARM 37.82.102

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