

BLUE CROSS OF NORTHEASTERN PA "BCNEPA" MEDICAL POLICY BULLETIN	MANUAL: MEDICAL POLICY REFERENCE NO.: MPO-490-0009
EFFECTIVE DATE October 1, 2014	SUBJECT: Prosthetics/Orthotics

Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania ("BCNEPA") Medical Policy

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I. DESCRIPTION:

Prosthesis is the replacement of a missing part by an artificial substitute, such as an artificial extremity.

Orthosis is any device added to the body to stabilize or immobilize a body part, prevent deformity, protect against injury, or assist with function.

II. BENEFIT POLICY STATEMENT:

BCNEPA makes decisions on coverage based on Policy Bulletins, benefit plan documents, and the member's medical history and condition. Benefits may vary based on product line, group or contract, therefore, Member benefits must be verified. In the event of a conflict between the Member's benefit plan document and topics addressed in Medical Policy Bulletins (i.e., specific contract exclusions), the Member's benefit plan document always supersedes the information in the Medical Policy Bulletins. BCNEPA determines medical necessity only if the benefit exists and no contract exclusions are applicable.

Benefits are determined by the terms of the Member's specific benefit plan document [i.e., the Fully Insured policy, the Administrative Services Only (ASO) agreement applicable to the Self-Funded Plan Participant, or the Individual Policy] that is in effect at the time services are rendered.

III. MEDICAL POLICY STATEMENT:

Coverage is subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations of the member's contract.

A. BCNEPA shall provide coverage for the initial provision of prosthetics and orthotics if medically necessary and appropriate.

Orthotic replacements shall be eligible for coverage for members under 21 years of age for stages of growth and development.

B. A cervical-thoracic-lumbar-sacral or thoracic-lumbar-sacral orthosis may be considered medically necessary for the treatment of scoliosis in juvenile and adolescent patients at high-risk of progression which meets the following criteria:

1. Idiopathic spinal curve angle between 25° and 40°; AND
2. Spinal growth has not been completed (Risser grade 0-3; no more than 1 year post-menarche in females)

OR

1. Idiopathic spinal curve angle greater than 20°; AND
2. There is documented increase in the curve angle; AND
3. At least 2 years growth remain (Risser grade 0 or 1; pre-menarche in females)

C. BCNEPA will not provide coverage for use of an orthosis for the treatment of scoliosis that does not meet the criteria above at this is considered investigational.

D. BCNEPA shall provide coverage for the following orthotics/prosthetics, but not limited to:

1. Artificial limbs;
2. Breast prosthesis for breast disease.

E. BCNEPA shall provide coverage for internal/external mastectomy prosthesis. The prosthesis are not subject to any limitations, in compliance with Pennsylvania Act 51 of 1997.

The following prosthesis shall be covered as mandated by Pennsylvania Act 51 of 1997 effective 02/01/1998:

1. External breast prosthesis:
 - a) Breast prosthesis, mastectomy bra;
 - b) Breast prosthesis, mastectomy sleeve;
 - c) External breast prosthesis garment, with mastectomy form, post mastectomy;

- d) Breast prosthesis, mastectomy form;
- e) Breast prosthesis silicone or equal;
- f) Custom breast prosthesis, post mastectomy, molded to patient mold; and
- g) Breast prosthesis, not otherwise, classified.

2. Implanted prosthesis:

- a) Breast prosthesis, implanted silicone or saline filled.

F. BCNEPA members shall be eligible for prosthetic coverage when the service is related to a surgically implanted procedure, such as, but not limited to joint replacement, insertion of ocular, nasal, and auricular prosthesis.

G. BCNEPA shall not provide coverage for the following, such as, but not limited to:

- 1. Oral orthotics;
- 2. Implants for cosmetic purposes;
- 3. Penile implants;
- 4. Speech processor;
- 5. Corsets – girdles;
- 6. Tongue retainers;
- 7. Sport braces;
- 8. Hair pieces (wigs); and
- 9. Repairs and replacements are addressed in the respective coding attachments.

IV. DEFINITIONS:

Calendar Year: A one (1) year period, which begins on January 1st and ends on December 31st.

Custom Fitted Orthosis: A custom fitted orthosis is one which is manufactured in quantity (i.e., prefabricated) without a specific individual in mind. It may be trimmed, bent, molded or otherwise modified for use by a specific individual. An orthosis that is assembled from prefabricated components for a specific individual is also considered custom fitted.

Custom Fabricated/Custom Molded Orthosis: A custom fabricated or custom molded orthosis is one which is individually made for a specific individual, starting with basic materials including, but not limited to plastic, metal, leather, or cloth. It involves substantial work such as vacuum forming, cutting, bending, molding, sewing, etc. It involves more than trimming, bending, or making other modifications to a substantially prefabricated item.

CODING:

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- Covered procedure codes are dependent upon meeting criteria of the policy and appropriate diagnosis code.
- The following list of codes may not be all-inclusive, and are subject to change at any time.
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PROCEDURE CODES

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