

**Provider Bulletin
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Update: New or Revised Medical Policies for Medicaid

Please see the chart below for a partial list of our new or revised medical policies, including coding changes. The new medical policies are listed in boldface. You can find the remainder of this list on our website at www.BlueChoiceSCMedicaid.com. These changes are effective for professional services provided on or after **December 19, 2010**.

BlueChoice HealthPlan Medicaid updates and adds medical policies in an effort to stay current with ever-changing medical practices and new technologies. Medical policy, however, does not constitute plan authorization, nor is it an explanation of benefits.

All coverage that BlueChoice HealthPlan Medicaid provides or administers for its Medicaid members excludes services or supplies that are investigational or not medically necessary.

To learn more about our medical policies, visit our website at www.BlueChoiceSCMedicaid.com. Click **Providers**, then click **Resources**. On the right side of the page, click **Medical Policies and UM Guidelines**, then click the **Medical Policies and UM Guidelines**.

Medical Policy Number	Medical Policy Title	Medical Policy Changes
GENE.00016	Gene Expression Profiling as a Technique for Managing Colon Cancer	New Medical Policy
MED.00105	Bioimpedance Spectroscopy Devices for the Detection and Management of Lymphedema	New Medical Policy
MED.00106	Autologous Cellular Immunotherapy for the Treatment of Prostate Cancer	New Medical Policy
MED.00107	Medical and Other Non-Behavioral Health Related Treatments for Pervasive Developmental Disorders	New Medical Policy
SURG.00118	Bronchial Thermoplasty	New Medical Policy
DME.00009	Vacuum Assisted Wound Therapy in the Outpatient Setting	Revised Medical Policy
DRUG.00017	Hyaluronan Injections for Musculoskeletal Conditions in Joints Other Than the Knee	Revised Medical Policy, title change
SURG.00001	Carotid, Vertebral and Intracranial Artery Angioplasty with or without Stent Placement	Revised Medical Policy
SURG.00011	Autologous, Allogeneic, Xenographic, Synthetic and Composite Products for Wound Healing and Soft Tissue Grafting	Revised Medical Policy
SURG.00084	Implantable Middle Ear Hearing Aids	Revised Medical Policy, title change

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