



**Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield  
GA Medical Policy and Clinical Guideline Updates 7/1/2022**

The Medical Policy and Technology Assessment Committee adopted the following new and/or revised Medical Policies and Clinical Guidelines. Some may have expanded rationales, medical necessity indications or criteria and some may involve changes to policy position statements that might result in services that previously were covered being found to be either not medically necessary or investigational/not medically necessary. Clinical Guidelines adopted by Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield and all the Medical Policies are available at the Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield website (Choose Providers > Medical Policies). Please note our medical policies now include NOC (Not Otherwise Classified) codes to expedite the process of determining services that may require medical review. If you don't have access to the Internet, you may request a hard copy of a specific Medical or Behavioral Health Policy or Clinical UM Guideline by calling Provider Services at (800) 241-7475 Monday - Friday from 8 AM to 7 PM or send written requests (specifying medical policy or guideline of interest, your name and address to where information should be sent) to:

**Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield**

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***NOTE: Any Clinical Guideline included in this standard MPTAC notification is only effective for GA if included on the GA Standard Adopted Clinical Guideline List unless there is a group-specific review requirement in which case it will be considered 'Adopted' for that group only and for the specific type of review required. Additionally, as part of the Pre-Payment Review Program for commercial or Federal Employee Health Benefits Program (FEHBP) plans, Clinical Guidelines approved by Medical Policy and Technology Assessment Committee (MPTAC) but not included in the GA Standard Adopted Clinical Guideline List may be used to review a provider's claims when a provider's billing practices are not consistent with other providers in terms of frequency or in some other manner or for provider education and are "Adopted" for those purposes.***

Publish Date	Committee Action	Policy or Guideline Number	Policy or Guideline Title
	<b>NEW</b>		<b>NEW MEDICAL POLICIES AND CLINICAL UM GUIDELINES</b>
<b>11/1/2022</b>	New	DME.00046	Intermittent Abdominal Pressure Ventilation Devices
<b>11/1/2022</b>	New	DME.00047	Rehabilitative Devices with Remote Monitoring
<b>11/1/2022</b>	New	DME.00048	Virtual Reality-Assisted Therapy Systems
<b>11/1/2022</b>	New	GENE.00059	Hybrid Personalized Molecular Residual Disease Testing for Cancer
<b>11/1/2022</b>	New	LAB.00048	Pain Management Biomarker Analysis
<b>11/1/2022</b>	New	MED.00139	Electrical Impedance Scanning for Cancer Detection

<b>11/1/2022</b>	New	TRANS.00039	Portable Normothermic Organ Perfusion Systems
	TRANSITION		CONVERSION OF MEDICAL POLICIES TO CLINICAL UM GUIDELINES
7/6/2022	Transition New	CG-MED-90	Chelation Therapy
7/6/2022	Transition Archived	MED.00127	Chelation Therapy
	REVISED		REVISIONS TO EXISTING MEDICAL POLICIES OR CLINICAL UM GUIDELINES
7/6/2022	Revised	ANC.00007	Cosmetic and Reconstructive Services: Skin Related
6/29/2022	Revised	CG-DME-42	Continuous Glucose Monitoring Devices and External Insulin Infusion Pumps  Previously titled: Non-implantable Insulin Infusion and Blood Glucose Monitoring Devices
7/6/2022	Revised	CG-DME-47	Noninvasive Home Ventilator Therapy for Respiratory Failure
7/6/2022	Revised	CG-DME-49	Standing Frames
7/6/2022	Revised	CG-GENE-22	Gene Expression Profiling for Managing Breast Cancer Treatment
7/6/2022	Revised	CG-MED-49	Auditory Brainstem Responses (ABRs) and Evoked Otoacoustic Emissions (OAEs) for Hearing Disorders
7/6/2022	Revised	CG-SURG-12	Penile Prosthesis Implantation
7/6/2022	Revised	CG-SURG-17	Trigger Point Injections
<del>7/6/2022</del> <b>11/1/2022</b>	Revised	CG-SURG-61	Cryosurgical, Radiofrequency or Laser Ablation to Treat Solid Tumors Outside the Liver  Previously titled: Cryosurgical or Radiofrequency Ablation to Treat Solid Tumors Outside the Liver
7/6/2022	Revised	CG-SURG-71	Reduction Mammoplasty
7/6/2022	Revised	CG-SURG-82	Bone-Anchored and Bone Conduction Hearing Aids
7/6/2022	Revised	CG-SURG-93	Angiographic Evaluation and Endovascular Intervention for Dialysis Access Circuit Dysfunction
7/6/2022	Revised	CG-SURG-95	Sacral Nerve Stimulation and Percutaneous Tibial Nerve Stimulation for Urinary and Fecal Incontinence; Urinary Retention
7/6/2022	Revised	CG-SURG-102	Alcohol Septal Ablation for Treatment of Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy

6/29/2022	Revised	CG-SURG-107	Surgical and Minimally Invasive Treatments for Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia (BPH)
7/6/2022	Revised	DME.00030	Altered Auditory Feedback Devices for Fluency Disorders  Previously titled: Altered Auditory Feedback Devices for the Treatment of Stuttering
<del>7/6/2022</del> 11/1/2022	Revised	GENE.00023	Gene Expression Profiling of Melanomas and Cutaneous Squamous Cell Carcinoma  Previously titled: Gene Expression Profiling of Melanomas
7/6/2022	Revised	LAB.00029	Rupture of Membranes Testing in Pregnancy
7/6/2022	Revised	OR-PR.00003	Microprocessor Controlled Lower Limb Prosthesis
6/29/2022	Revised	SURG.00011	Allogeneic, Xenographic, Synthetic, Bioengineered, and Composite Products for Wound Healing and Soft Tissue Grafting
7/6/2022	Revised	SURG.00037	Treatment of Varicose Veins (Lower Extremities)
7/6/2022	Revised	SURG.00097	Scoliosis Surgery
7/6/2022	Revised	SURG.00143	Perirectal Spacers for Use During Prostate Radiotherapy
7/6/2022	Revised	SURG.00145	Mechanical Circulatory Assist Devices (Ventricular Assist Devices, Percutaneous Ventricular Assist Devices and Artificial Hearts)
	REVIEWED		REVIEW OF EXISTING MEDICAL POLICIES OR CLINICAL UM GUIDELINES
7/6/2022	Reviewed	ADMIN.00002	Preventive Health Guidelines
7/6/2022	Reviewed	ADMIN.00004	Medical Necessity Criteria
7/6/2022	Reviewed	ADMIN.00005	Investigational Criteria
7/6/2022	Reviewed	ADMIN.00007	Immunizations
7/6/2022	Reviewed	ANC.00006	Biomagnetic Therapy
7/6/2022	Reviewed	ANC.00009	Cosmetic and Reconstructive Services of the Trunk and Groin
7/6/2022	Reviewed	CG-ADMIN-01	Clinical Utilization Management (UM) Guideline for Pre-Payment Review Medical Necessity Determinations When No Other Clinical UM Guideline Exists
7/6/2022	Reviewed	CG-ANC-06	Ambulance Services: Ground; Non-Emergent

7/6/2022	Reviewed	CG-DME-03	Neuromuscular Stimulation in the Treatment of Muscle Atrophy
7/6/2022	Reviewed	CG-DME-04	Electrical Nerve Stimulation, Transcutaneous, Percutaneous
7/6/2022	Reviewed	CG-DME-05	Cervical Traction Devices for Home Use
7/6/2022	Reviewed	CG-DME-08	Infant Home Apnea Monitors
7/6/2022	Reviewed	CG-DME-15	Hospital Beds and Accessories
7/6/2022	Reviewed	CG-DME-20	Orthopedic Footwear
7/6/2022	Reviewed	CG-DME-35	Electric Breast Pumps
7/6/2022	Reviewed	CG-DME-36	Pediatric Gait Trainers
7/6/2022	Reviewed	CG-DME-39	Dynamic Low-Load Prolonged-Duration Stretch Devices
7/6/2022	Reviewed	CG-DME-45	Ultrasound Bone Growth Stimulation
7/6/2022	Reviewed	CG-DME-46	Pneumatic Compression Devices for Prevention of Deep Vein Thrombosis of the Extremities in the Home Setting
7/6/2022	Reviewed	CG-GENE-04	Molecular Marker Evaluation of Thyroid Nodules
7/6/2022	Reviewed	CG-GENE-10	Chromosomal Microarray Analysis (CMA) for Developmental Delay, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Intellectual Disability and Congenital Anomalies
7/6/2022	Reviewed	CG-GENE-11	Genotype Testing for Individual Genetic Polymorphisms to Determine Drug-Metabolizer Status
7/6/2022	Reviewed	CG-LAB-12	Testing for Oral and Esophageal Cancer
7/6/2022	Reviewed	CG-MED-05	Ketogenic Diet for Treatment of Intractable Seizures
7/6/2022	Reviewed	CG-MED-41	Moderate to Deep Anesthesia Services for Dental Surgery in the Facility Setting
7/6/2022	Reviewed	CG-MED-57	Cardiac Stress Testing with Electrocardiogram
7/6/2022	Reviewed	CG-MED-70	Wireless Capsule Endoscopy for Gastrointestinal Imaging and the Patency Capsule
7/6/2022	Reviewed	CG-MED-74	Implantable Ambulatory Event Monitors and Mobile Cardiac Telemetry
7/6/2022	Reviewed	CG-MED-76	Magnetic Source Imaging and Magnetoencephalography

7/6/2022	Reviewed	CG-MED-89	Home Parenteral Nutrition
7/6/2022	Reviewed	CG-REHAB-03	Pulmonary Rehabilitation
7/6/2022	Reviewed	CG-SURG-05	Maze Procedure
7/6/2022	Reviewed	CG-SURG-07	Vertical Expandable Prosthetic Titanium Rib
7/6/2022	Reviewed	CG-SURG-08	Sacral Nerve Stimulation as a Treatment of Neurogenic Bladder Secondary to Spinal Cord Injury
7/6/2022	Reviewed	CG-SURG-11	Surgical Treatment for Dupuytren's Contracture
7/6/2022	Reviewed	CG-SURG-24	Functional Endoscopic Sinus Surgery (FESS)
7/6/2022	Reviewed	CG-SURG-25	Injection Treatment for Morton's Neuroma
7/6/2022	Reviewed	CG-SURG-27	Gender Affirming Surgery
7/6/2022	Reviewed	CG-SURG-31	Treatment of Keloids and Scar Revision
7/6/2022	Reviewed	CG-SURG-34	Diagnostic Infertility Surgery
7/6/2022	Reviewed	CG-SURG-35	Intracytoplasmic Sperm Injection (ICSI)
7/6/2022	Reviewed	CG-SURG-50	Assistant Surgeons
7/6/2022	Reviewed	CG-SURG-51	Outpatient Cystourethroscopy
7/6/2022	Reviewed	CG-SURG-56	Diagnostic Fiberoptic Flexible Laryngoscopy
7/6/2022	Reviewed	CG-SURG-59	Vena Cava Filters
7/6/2022	Reviewed	CG-SURG-73	Balloon Sinus Ostial Dilation
7/6/2022	Reviewed	CG-SURG-81	Cochlear Implants and Auditory Brainstem Implants
7/6/2022	Reviewed	CG-SURG-84	Mandibular/Maxillary (Orthognathic) Surgery
7/6/2022	Reviewed	CG-SURG-85	Hip Resurfacing
7/6/2022	Reviewed	CG-SURG-87	Nasal Surgery for the Treatment of Obstructive Sleep Apnea and Snoring

7/6/2022	Reviewed	CG-SURG-89	Radiofrequency Neurolysis and Pulsed Radiofrequency Therapy for Trigeminal Neuralgia
7/6/2022	Reviewed	CG-SURG-98	Prostate Biopsy using MRI Fusion Techniques
7/6/2022	Reviewed	CG-SURG-101	Ablative Techniques as a Treatment for Barrett's Esophagus
7/6/2022	Reviewed	CG-SURG-111	Open Sacroiliac Joint Fusion
7/6/2022	Reviewed	CG-TRANS-03	Donor Lymphocyte Infusion for Hematologic Malignancies after Allogeneic Hematopoietic Progenitor Cell Transplantation
6/29/2022	Reviewed	DME.00011	Electrical Stimulation as a Treatment for Pain and Other Conditions: Surface and Percutaneous Devices
7/6/2022	Reviewed	DME.00012	Intrapulmonary Percussive Ventilation Devices
7/6/2022	Reviewed	DME.00037	Cooling Devices and Combined Cooling/Heating Devices
7/6/2022	Reviewed	DME.00038	Static Progressive Stretch (SPS) and Patient-Actuated Serial Stretch (PASS) Devices
7/6/2022	Reviewed	DME.00042	Electronic Positional Devices for the Treatment of Obstructive Sleep Apnea
7/6/2022	Reviewed	GENE.00010	Panel and other Multi-Gene Testing for Polymorphisms to Determine Drug-Metabolizer Status
7/6/2022	Reviewed	GENE.00041	Genetic Testing to Confirm the Identity of Laboratory Specimens
7/6/2022	Reviewed	GENE.00051	Bronchial Gene Expression Classification for the Diagnostic Evaluation of Lung Cancer
6/29/2022	Reviewed	GENE.00053	Metagenomic Sequencing for Infectious Disease in the Outpatient Setting
7/6/2022	Reviewed	GENE.00057	Gene Expression Profiling for Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis
7/6/2022	Reviewed	LAB.00016	Fecal Analysis in the Diagnosis of Intestinal Disorders
7/6/2022	Reviewed	LAB.00027	Selected Blood, Serum and Cellular Allergy and Toxicity Tests
7/6/2022	Reviewed	LAB.00031	Advanced Lipoprotein Testing
7/6/2022	Reviewed	LAB.00035	Multi-biomarker Disease Activity Blood Tests for Rheumatoid Arthritis
7/6/2022	Reviewed	LAB.00038	Cell-free DNA Testing to Aid in the Monitoring of Kidney Transplants for Rejection
7/6/2022	Reviewed	LAB.00041	Machine Learning Derived Probability Score for Rapid Kidney Function Decline

7/6/2022	Reviewed	MED.00004	Technologies for the Evaluation of Skin Lesions (including Dermatoscopy, Epiluminescence Microscopy, Videomicroscopy, Ultrasonography)
7/6/2022	Reviewed	MED.00013	Parenteral Antibiotics for the Treatment of Lyme Disease
7/6/2022	Reviewed	MED.00090	Wireless Capsule for the Evaluation of Suspected Gastric and Intestinal Motility Disorders
7/6/2022	Reviewed	MED.00098	Hyperoxemic Reperfusion Therapy
7/6/2022	Reviewed	MED.00105	Bioimpedance Spectroscopy Devices for the Detection and Management of Lymphedema
6/29/2022	Reviewed	MED.00132	Adipose-derived Regenerative Cell Therapy and Soft Tissue Augmentation Procedures
7/6/2022	Reviewed	MED.00133	Ingestion Event Monitors
7/6/2022	Reviewed	MED.00137	Eye Movement Analysis Using Non-spatial Calibration for the Diagnosis of Concussion
7/6/2022	Reviewed	OR-PR.00005	Upper Extremity Myoelectric Orthoses
7/6/2022	Reviewed	OR-PR.00006	Powered Robotic Lower Body Exoskeleton Devices
7/6/2022	Reviewed	RAD.00034	Dynamic Spinal Visualization (Including Digital Motion X-ray and Cineradiography/ Videofluoroscopy)
7/6/2022	Reviewed	RAD.00063	Magnetization-Prepared Rapid Acquisition Gradient Echo Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MPRAGE MRI)
7/6/2022	Reviewed	SURG.00005	Partial Left Ventriculectomy
7/6/2022	Reviewed	SURG.00007	Vagus Nerve Stimulation
7/6/2022	Reviewed	SURG.00045	Extracorporeal Shock Wave Therapy
7/6/2022	Reviewed	SURG.00047	Transendoscopic Therapy for Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease, Dysphagia and Gastroparesis
7/6/2022	Reviewed	SURG.00071	Percutaneous and Endoscopic Spinal Surgery
7/6/2022	Reviewed	SURG.00076	Nerve Graft after Prostatectomy
7/6/2022	Reviewed	SURG.00084	Implantable Middle Ear Hearing Aids
7/6/2022	Reviewed	SURG.00095	Viscocalanostomy and Canalopectomy
7/6/2022	Reviewed	SURG.00105	Bicompartmental Knee Arthroplasty

7/6/2022	Reviewed	SURG.00111	Axial Lumbar Interbody Fusion
7/6/2022	Reviewed	SURG.00116	High Resolution Anoscopy Screening for Anal Intraepithelial Neoplasia (AIN) and Squamous Cell Cancer of the Anus
7/6/2022	Reviewed	SURG.00118	Bronchial Thermoplasty
7/6/2022	Reviewed	SURG.00120	Internal Rib Fixation Systems
7/6/2022	Reviewed	SURG.00125	Radiofrequency and Pulsed Radiofrequency Treatment of Trigger Point Pain
7/6/2022	Reviewed	SURG.00126	Irreversible Electroporation
7/6/2022	Reviewed	SURG.00129	Oral, Pharyngeal and Maxillofacial Surgical Treatment for Obstructive Sleep Apnea or Snoring
7/6/2022	Reviewed	SURG.00134	Interspinous Process Fixation Devices
7/6/2022	Reviewed	SURG.00141	Doppler-Guided Transanal Hemorrhoidal Dearterialization
7/6/2022	Reviewed	SURG.00147	Synthetic Cartilage Implant for Metatarsophalangeal Joint Disorders
7/6/2022	Reviewed	SURG.00155	Cryoneurolysis
7/6/2022	Reviewed	THER-RAD.00012	Electrophysiology-Guided Noninvasive Stereotactic Cardiac Radioablation
7/6/2022	Reviewed	TRANS.00031	Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation for Autoimmune Disease and Miscellaneous Solid Tumors
<b>Not to be used on or after date listed</b> <b>ARCHIVED</b> <b>MEDICAL POLICIES OR CLINICAL UM GUIDELINES TO ARCHIVE</b>			
7/6/2022	Archived	DME.00024	Transtympanic Micropressure
Coordinate with AIM	Archived	DME.00039	Prefabricated Oral Appliances for the Treatment of Obstructive Sleep Apnea
6/29/2022	Archived	MED.00121	Implantable Interstitial Glucose Monitors
5/19/2022	Archived	SURG.00101	Suprachoroidal Injection of a Pharmacologic Agent
7/6/2022	Archived	SURG.00137	Focused Microwave Thermotherapy for Breast Cancer
	<b>CODING</b>		<b>CODING UPDATES OF EXISTING MEDICAL POLICIES OR CLINICAL UM GUIDELINES</b> <b>PUBLISHED 06/29/2022</b> <b>Codes Effective 07/01/2022</b> <b>(These documents were not reviewed at the MPTAC meeting)</b>



6/29/2022	Coding Updates of Existing Documents	<b>CG-GENE-14</b>	<b>Gene Mutation Testing for Cancer Susceptibility and Management</b>
6/29/2022	Coding Updates of Existing Documents	<b>CG-GENE-21</b>	<b>Cell-Free Fetal DNA-Based Prenatal Testing</b>
6/29/2022	Coding Updates of Existing Documents	<b>CG-LAB-09</b>	<b>Drug Testing or Screening in the Context of Substance Use Disorder and Chronic Pain</b>
6/29/2022	Coding Updates of Existing Documents	<b>GENE.00049</b>	<b>Circulating Tumor DNA Panel Testing (Liquid Biopsy)</b>
6/29/2022	Coding Updates of Existing Documents	<b>GENE.00052</b>	<b>Whole Genome Sequencing, Whole Exome Sequencing, Gene Panels, and Molecular Profiling</b>
6/29/2022	Coding Updates of Existing Documents	<b>GENE.00056</b>	<b>Gene Expression Profiling for Bladder Cancer</b>
6/29/2022	Coding Updates of Existing Documents	<b>LAB.00003</b>	<b>In Vitro Chemosensitivity Assays and In Vitro Chemoresistance Assays</b>
6/29/2022	Coding Updates of Existing Documents	<b>LAB.00019</b>	<b>Proprietary Algorithms for Liver Fibrosis in the Evaluation and Monitoring of Chronic Liver Disease</b>

6/29/2022	Coding Updates of Existing Documents	<b>SURG.00160</b>	<b>Implanted Port Delivery Systems to Treat Ocular Disease</b>