



BlueCross BlueShield  
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# MEDICARE

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## Updates to Carelon Medical Benefits Management, Inc. Clinical Appropriateness Guidelines Effective October 20, 2024

Please note, this communication applies to Healthy Blue + Medicare<sup>SM</sup> (HMO-POS D-SNP) offered by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina (Blue Cross NC).

Effective on October 20, 2024, the following Carelon Medical Benefits Management, Inc. Clinical Appropriateness Guideline updates for medical necessity review, will apply for Blue Cross NC:

- Cardiology:
  - Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy
  - Endovascular Revascularization
  - Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillators
  - Percutaneous Coronary Intervention
  - Permanent Implantable Pacemakers
- Genetic Testing:
  - Pharmacogenomic Testing
  - Predictive and Prognostic Polygenic Testing
  - Chromosomal Microarray Analysis
  - Whole Exome Sequencing and Whole Genome Sequencing
  - Somatic Tumor Testing
- Musculoskeletal:
  - Spine Surgery
  - Sacroiliac Joint Fusion
- Radiology:
  - Imaging of the Spine
  - Imaging of the Extremities
  - Vascular Imaging
  - Imaging of the Brain
  - Imaging of the Heart
- Sleep:
  - Sleep Disorder Management

Please share this notice with other members of your practice and office staff.

<https://www.bluecrossnc.com/providers/networks-programs/blue-medicare/healthy-blue-medicare>

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