

Ambulatory Surgeries/Procedures

Benefit Coverage

Services and supplies for certain surgeries or diagnostic procedures performed in an office setting, outpatient hospital setting, or ambulatory surgery center are covered.

Ambulatory surgeries/procedures are divided into two categories:

Facility-Based Ambulatory Surgeries/Procedures

Facility-based ambulatory surgeries/procedures should be performed in an ambulatory surgery center or in an acute care facility on an outpatient basis. Surgical diagnostic procedures are identified as facility-based ambulatory surgeries/procedures.

The IPA/medical group is responsible for authorizing facility-based surgeries/procedures, including inpatient services, and providing Blue Shield with the required notification of authorized and denied services. Authorization can only be given if the Ambulatory Surgery Center is a valid entity having the required licensure and/or accreditation in accordance with state and federal laws. The services should only be authorized in a contracted facility unless there are extenuating circumstances. No facility fee is allowed for facility-based ambulatory surgeries/procedures performed in an office setting unless authorized.

Office-Based Ambulatory Surgeries/Procedures

Office-based ambulatory surgeries/procedures should be performed in the physician's office setting unless it is medically necessary that they be performed in a facility setting, on an outpatient or inpatient basis. The IPA/medical group is responsible for authorizing office-based surgeries/procedures and providing Blue Shield with the required notification of such authorization. A list of Office-Based Ambulatory Surgeries/Procedures appears later in this document.

Questions about the appropriate setting for a surgery/procedure should be referred to Blue Shield Medical Care Solutions.

Copayment

See the member's *Evidence of Coverage* (EOC) and *Summary of Benefits and Coverage* for member copayments for:

Physician – Outpatient/Surgery

Outpatient Hospital Services/Surgery

Ambulatory Surgeries/Procedures

Benefit Exclusion

Ambulatory surgeries/procedures that are not medically necessary, not appropriately authorized by the IPA/medical group, or excluded by Blue Shield Medical Policy.

Examples of Covered Services

Facility-Based

- Cataract Surgery
- Dilation and Curettage of uterus (D&C)
- Heart Catheterization
- Tubal Ligation by Laparoscopy
- Esophagogastroduodenoscopy

Office-Based

- Amniocentesis
- Removal of IUD
- Cryotherapy of warts

Examples of Non-Covered Services

- Cosmetic Procedures

References

Blue Shield HMO IPA/Medical Group Procedures Manual

Evidence of Coverage

IFP Evidence of Coverage and Health Service Agreement

Office-Based Ambulatory Surgeries/Procedures

CPT	DESCRIPTION	CPT	DESCRIPTION
10021	Fna w/o image	12011	Repair superficial wound(s)
10040	Acne surgery	12013	Repair superficial wound(s)
10060	Drainage of skin abscess	12014	Repair superficial wound(s)
10080	Drainage of pilonidal cyst	12015	Repair superficial wound(s)
10120	Remove foreign body	15783	Abrasion treatment of skin
10160	Puncture drainage of lesion	15786	Abrasion, lesion, single
11000	Debride infected skin	15787	Abrasion, lesions, add-on
11055	Trim skin lesion	15788	Chemical peel, face, epiderm
11056	Trim skin lesions, 2 to 4	15789	Chemical peel, face, dermal
11057	Trim skin lesions, over 4	15792	Chemical peel, nonfacial
11200	Removal of skin tags	15793	Chemical peel, nonfacial
11201	Remove skin tags add-on	16000	Initial treatment of burn(s)
11300	Shave skin lesion	16020	Treatment of burn(s)
11301	Shave skin lesion	16025	Treatment of burn(s)
11302	Shave skin lesion	16030	Treatment of burn(s)
11303	Shave skin lesion	17000	Destroy benign/premlg lesion
11305	Shave skin lesion	17003	Destroy lesions, 2-14
11306	Shave skin lesion	17004	Destroy lesions, 15 or more
11307	Shave skin lesion	17106	Destruction of skin lesions
11308	Shave skin lesion	17107	Destruction of skin lesions
11310	Shave skin lesion	17108	Destruction of skin lesions
11311	Shave skin lesion	17110	Destruct lesion, 1-14
11312	Shave skin lesion	17111	Destruct lesion, 15 or more
11313	Shave skin lesion	17250	Chemical cautery, tissue
11719	Trim nail(s)	17340	Cryotherapy of skin
11720	Debride nail, 1-5	17360	Skin peel therapy
11721	Debride nail, 6 or more	17380	Hair removal by electrolysis
11730	Removal of nail plate	17999	Skin tissue procedure
11740	Drain blood from under nail	19000	Drainage of breast lesion
11765	Excision of nail fold, toe	19001	Drain breast lesion add-on
11900	Injection into skin lesions	20500	Injection of sinus tract
11901	Added skin lesions injection	20526	Ther injection, carp tunnel
11921	Correct skin color defects	20527	Inj dupuytren cord w/enzyme
11922	Correct skin color defects	20550	Inj tendon sheath/ligament
11950	Therapy for contour defects	20551	Inj tendon origin/insertion
11951	Therapy for contour defects	20552	Inj trigger point, 1/2 muscl
11952	Therapy for contour defects	20553	Inject trigger points, => 3
11954	Therapy for contour defects	20555	Place ndl musc/tis for rt
11980	Implant hormone pellet(s)	20560	Ndl insert w/o inj 1 or 2 muscles
11981	Insert drug implant device	20561	Ndl insert w/o inj 3 or more muscles
11982	Remove drug implant device	20600	Drain/inject, joint/bursa
12001	Repair superficial wound(s)	20604	Drain/inject, joint/bursa w/US
12002	Repair superficial wound(s)	20605	Drain/inject, joint/bursa
12004	Repair superficial wound(s)	20606	Drain/inj joint/bursa w/us

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20610	Drain/inject, joint/bursa
20611	Drain/inj joint/bursa w/us
20612	Aspirate/inj ganglion cyst
20615	Treatment of bone cyst
20950	Fluid pressure, muscle
20974	Electrical bone stimulation
20979	Us bone stimulation
24640	Treat elbow dislocation
24650	Treat radius fracture
25500	Treat fracture of radius
25530	Treat fracture of ulna
25560	Treat fracture radius & ulna
25600	Treat fracture radius/ulna
25622	Treat wrist bone fracture
25630	Treat wrist bone fracture
25650	Treat wrist bone fracture
26010	Drainage of finger abscess
26340	Manipulate finger w/anesth
26341	Manipulat palm cord post inj
26600	Treat metacarpal fracture
26641	Treat thumb dislocation
26670	Treat hand dislocation
26700	Treat knuckle dislocation
26720	Treat finger fracture, each
26725	Treat finger fracture, each
26740	Treat finger fracture, each
26750	Treat finger fracture, each
26755	Treat finger fracture, each
26770	Treat finger dislocation
27200	Treat tail bone fracture
27220	Treat hip socket fracture
27256	Treat hip dislocation
27899	Leg/ankle surgery procedure
28430	Treatment of ankle fracture
28450	Treat midfoot fracture, each
28470	Treat metatarsal fracture
28475	Treat metatarsal fracture
28490	Treat big toe fracture
28495	Treat big toe fracture
28510	Treatment of toe fracture
28515	Treatment of toe fracture
28530	Treat sesamoid bone fracture
28540	Treat foot dislocation
28570	Treat foot dislocation
28600	Treat foot dislocation
28630	Treat toe dislocation

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28660	Treat toe dislocation
29000	Application of body cast
29010	Application of body cast
29015	Application of body cast
29035	Application of body cast
29040	Application of body cast
29044	Application of body cast
29046	Application of body cast
29049	Application of figure eight
29055	Application of shoulder cast
29058	Application of shoulder cast
29065	Application of long arm cast
29075	Application of forearm cast
29085	Apply hand/wrist cast
29086	Apply finger cast
29105	Apply long arm splint
29125	Apply forearm splint
29126	Apply forearm splint
29130	Application of finger splint
29131	Application of finger splint
29200	Strapping of chest
29240	Strapping of shoulder
29260	Strapping of elbow or wrist
29280	Strapping of hand or finger
29305	Application of hip cast
29325	Application of hip casts
29345	Application of long leg cast
29355	Application of long leg cast
29358	Apply long leg cast brace
29365	Application of long leg cast
29405	Apply short leg cast
29425	Apply short leg cast
29435	Apply short leg cast
29440	Addition of walker to cast
29445	Apply rigid leg cast
29450	Application of leg cast
29505	Application, long leg splint
29515	Application lower leg splint
29520	Strapping of hip
29530	Strapping of knee
29540	Strapping of ankle and/or ft
29550	Strapping of toes
29580	Application of paste boot
29581	Apply multlay comprs lwr leg
29700	Removal/revision of cast
29705	Removal/revision of cast

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29710	Removal/revision of cast
29720	Repair of body cast
29730	Windowing of cast
29740	Wedging of cast
29750	Wedging of clubfoot cast
29799	Casting/strapping procedure
30300	Remove nasal foreign body
30901	Control of nosebleed
31231	Nasal endoscopy, dx
31298	Nasal sinus endoscopy surgical
31502	Change of windpipe airway
31575	Diagnostic laryngoscopy
32550	Insert pleural catheter
32552	Remove lung catheter
32553	Ins mark thor for rt perq
32562	Lyse chest fibrin subq day
36430	Blood transfusion service
36465	Inj noncompounded foam sclerosant
36466	Inj noncompounded foam sclerosant
36593	Declot vascular device
36598	Inject rad eval central venous device
36680	Insert needle, bone cavity
40800	Drainage of mouth lesion
40804	Removal, foreign body, mouth
40830	Repair mouth laceration
41019	Place needles h & n for rt
42280	Preparation, palate mold
42400	Biopsy of salivary gland
42809	Remove pharynx foreign body
43752	Nasal/orogastric w/stent
43753	Tx gastro intub w/asp
43754	Dx gastr intub w/asp spec
43755	Dx gastr intub w/asp specs
43756	Dx duod intub w/asp spec
43757	Dx duod intub w/asp specs
43761	Reposition gastrostomy tube
45520	Treatment of rectal prolapse
46600	Diagnostic anoscopy
46601	Diagnostic anoscopy
46900	Destruction, anal lesion(s)
46916	Cryosurgery, anal lesion(s)
50391	Instll rx agnt into rnal tub
50686	Measure ureter pressure
51100	Drain bladder by needle
51700	Irrigation of bladder
51705	Change of bladder tube

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51720	Treatment of bladder lesion
51736	Urine flow measurement
51741	Electro-urowflowmetry, first
51784	Anal/urinary muscle study
51792	Urinary reflex study
51797	Intraabdominal pressure test
51798	Us urine capacity measure
53621	Dilate urethra stricture
53660	Dilation of urethra
53661	Dilation of urethra
53860	Transurethral rf treatment
54050	Destruction, penis lesion(s)
54056	Cryosurgery, penis lesion(s)
54200	Treatment of penis lesion
54235	Penile injection
54240	Penis study
54250	Penis study
55000	Drainage of hydrocele
55920	Place needles pelvic for rt
56820	Exam of vulva w/scope
56821	Exam/biopsy of vulva w/scope
57100	Biopsy of vagina
57150	Treat vagina infection
57156	Ins vag brachytx device
57160	Insert pessary/other device
57170	Fitting of diaphragm/cap
57420	Exam of vagina w/scope
57421	Exam/biopsy of vag w/scope
57452	Exam of cervix w/scope
57455	Biopsy of cervix w/scope
57505	Endocervical curettage
58100	Biopsy of uterus lining
58110	Biopsy of uterus lining add on
58300	Insert intrauterine device
58301	Remove intrauterine device
58321	Artificial insemination
58322	Artificial insemination
58323	Sperm washing
59020	Fetal contract stress test
59025	Fetal non-stress test
59050	Fetal monitor w/report
59051	Fetal monitor/interpret only
59200	Insert cervical dilator
59412	Antepartum manipulation
59425	Antepartum care only
59430	Care after delivery

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59899	Maternity care procedure
60100	Biopsy of thyroid
60300	Aspir/inj thyroid cyst
64405	N block inj, occipital
64445	N block inj, sciatic, sng
64454	Inj Aa&/strd Genicular Nrv w/img
64455	N block inj, plantar digit
64611	Chemodenerv saliv glands
64616	Chemodenerv musc neck dyston
64617	Chemodenerv muscle larynx EMG
64624	Dest neurolytic agt genicular w/img
64632	N block inj, common digit
65205	Remove foreign body from eye
65210	Remove foreign body from eye
65220	Remove foreign body from eye
65222	Remove foreign body from eye
65430	Corneal smear
65778	Cover eye w/membrane
65779	Cover eye w/membrane stent
67500	Inject/treat eye socket
67505	Inject/treat eye socket
67515	Inject/treat eye socket
67700	Drainage of eyelid abscess
67800	Remove eyelid lesion
67805	Remove eyelid lesions
67810	Biopsy of eyelid
68040	Treatment of eyelid lesions
68200	Treat eyelid by injection
68400	Incise/drain tear gland
68761	Close tear duct opening
69000	Drain external ear lesion
69020	Drain outer ear canal lesion
69090	Pierce earlobes
69200	Clear outer ear canal
69209	Remove impacted ear wax uni
69210	Remove impacted ear wax
69220	Clean out mastoid cavity
90867	Tcranial magn stim tx plan
90868	Tcranial magn stim tx deli
92132	Cmptr ophth dx img ant segmt
92133	Cmptr ophth img optic nerve
92134	Cptr ophth dx img post segmt
92537	Caloric vstblr test w/rec
92538	Caloric vstblr test w/rec
93050	Art pressure waveform analys

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93464	Exercise w/hemodynamic meas
97597	Active wound care/20 cm or <
97598	Active wound care > 20 cm
0071T	Focused ultrasnd abl,uterine leiomyomata
0072T	Total leiomyomata vol,200cc tissue
0207T	Clear eyelid gland w/heat
0213T	Njx paravert w/us cer/thor
0214T	Njx paravert w/us cer/thor
0215T	Njx paravert w/us cer/thor
0216T	Njx paravert w/us lumb/sac
0217T	Njx paravert w/us lumb/sac
0218T	Njx paravert w/us lumb/sac
0219T	Plmt post facet implt cerv
0220T	Plmt post facet implt thor
0221T	Plmt post facet implt lumb
0222T	Plmt post facet implt addl
0228T	Njx tfrml eprl w/us cer/thor
0230T	Njx tfrml eprl w/us lumb/sac
0272T	Interrogate crtd sns dev
0273T	Interrogate crtd sns w/pgrmg
0278T	Temp
0295T	Ext ecg complete
0296T	Ext ecg recording
0297T	Ext ecg scan w/report
0298T	Ext ecg review and interp
0331T	Heart symp image plnr
0332T	Heart symp image plnr spect
0378T	Visual field assmnt rev/rpt
0379T	Vis field assmnt tech supt
0419T	Dstrj Neurofibroma xtmsv
0420T	Dstrj Neurofibroma xtmsv
0465T	Supchrld njx rx w/o supply
0474T	Insj aqueous drg dev io rsvr
0525T	Insj/Rplcmt Compl IIMS
0529T	Interrog Dev Eval IIMS IP
0530T	Removal Complete IIMS
0551T	Tprnl balo cntnc dev adjmt
0563T	Evac Meibomian gland heat bilat
0566T	Autol cell impt adps tiss njx knee
0588T	Rev or rem isdns post tibial nrv
A4252	Blood ketone test or strip
C8929	Transthoracic Echo, w or w/o contrst followd with
C8930	Transthoracic Echo, w or w/o cntrst followd inc record