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## North Carolina Clinical Coverage Policies

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina (Blue Cross NC) will use the State's *Clinical Coverage Policies* as the starting point in a decision hierarchy, which will include:

- 1. North Carolina Clinical Coverage Policy
- 2. Federal Medicaid Guidance
- 3. Healthy Blue Medical Policy
- 4. AIM Clinical Guideline
- 5. Healthy Blue Clinical UM Guidelines
- 6. Nationally Recognized Clinical Guidelines (MCG)

Represented below are the North Carolina *Clinical Coverage Policies*, to which Blue Cross NC has attested.

## For Physical Health, Behavioral Health and Physician Drug Program

Important information regarding provider claims and billing is found in Section 7 of the Healthy Blue Provider Manual located on the Healthy Blue provider website at <a href="https://provider.healthybluenc.com/north-carolina-provider/manuals-and-guides">https://provider.healthybluenc.com/north-carolina-provider/manuals-and-guides</a>. Please note, state fiscal agent billing guide and policies (for example, NCTracks Provider Claims and Billing Assistance Guide) do not apply.

For the most up-to-date precertification/notification requirements and *Prior Authorization Form*, visit <a href="https://provider.healthybluenc.com">https://provider.healthybluenc.com</a> and select **Prior Authorization**. Prior authorization is not required for the Physician Drug Program.

## **For Outpatient Pharmacy**

*Important information* regarding provider claims and billing: Pharmacies are to submit claims electronically using National Council of Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) standards. Claims should be submitted at point of sale to RX BIN 020107, RX PCN: NC, RX Group: 8473.

Service	NC Clinical Coverage Policy link	Scope
Adult Preventive Medicine	Preventive Medicine Annual Health	Physical Health
Health Assessment	Assessment, 1A-2	
Noninvasive Pulse Oximetry	Noninvasive Pulse Oximetry, 1A-3	Physical Health
Cochlear and Auditory	Cochlear and Auditory Brainstem	Physical Health
Brainstem Implants	Implants 1A-4	
Child Medical Evaluation	Child Medical Evaluation and Medical	Physical Health
(CME) and Medical Team	Team Conference for Child Maltreatment,	
Conference	1A-5	

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Invasive Electrical Bone Growth Stimulation	Invasive Electrical Bone Growth Stimulation, 1A-6	Physical Health
Neonatal and Pediatric	Neonatal and Pediatric Critical and	Physical Health
Critical and Intensive Care	Intensive Care Services, 1A-7	
Services		
Hyperbaric Oxygenation Therapy	Hyperbaric Oxygenation Therapy, 1A-8	Physical Health
Blepharoplasty/Blepharoptos is	Blepharopasty/Blepharoptosis, 1A-9	Physical Health
Extracorporeal Shock Wave Lithotripsy (ESWL)	Extracorporeal Shock Wave Lithotripsy, 1A-11	Physical Health
Breast Surgeries	Breast Surgeries, 1A-12	Physical Health
Ocular photodynamic therapy (OPT)	Ocular Photodynamic Therapy, 1A-13	Physical Health
Surgery for Ambiguous Genitalia	Surgery for Ambiguous Genitalia, 1A-14	Physical Health
Surgery for Clinically Severe or Morbid Obesity	Surgery for Clinically Severe or Morbid Obesity 1A-15	Physical Health
Surgery of the Lingual Frenulum	Surgery of the Lingual Frenulum, 1A-16	Physical Health
Stereotactic Pallidotomy	Stereotactic Pallidotomy, 1A-17	Physical Health
Transcranial Doppler (TCD) Studies	Transcranial Doppler Studies, 1A-19	Physical Health
Sleep Studies and Polysomnography Services	Sleep Studies and Polysomnography Services, 1A-20	Physical Health
Endovascular Repair of Aortic Aneurysm	Endovascular Repair of Aortic Aneurysm, 1A-21	Physical Health
Circumcision	Medically Necessary Circumcision, 1A-	Physical Health
Physician Fluoride Varnish Services	Physician Fluoride Varnish Services, 1A-23	Physical Health
Diabetes Outpatient Self- Management Education (DSME)	Diabetes Outpatient Self-Management Education, 1A-24	Physical Health
Spinal Cord Stimulation (SCS)	Spinal Cord Stimulation, 1A-25	Physical Health
Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS)	Deep Brain Stimulation, 1A-26	Physical Health
Electrodiagnostic Studies	Electrodiagnostic Studies, 1A-27	Physical Health
Visual Evoked Potential (VEP)	Visual Evoked Potential (VEP), 1A-28	Physical Health
Spinal Surgeries	Spinal Surgeries, 1A-30	Physical Health
Wireless Capsule	Wireless Capsule Endoscopy, 1A-31	Physical Health
Endoscopy		

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Tympanometry and Acoustic Reflex Testing	Tympanometry and Acoustic Reflex Testing, 1A-32	Physical Health
Vagus Nerve Stimulation for	Vagus Nerve Stimulation for the	Physical Health
the Treatment of Seizures	Treatment of Seizures, 1A-33	
Dialysis Services	Dialysis Services, 1A-34	Physical Health
Implantable Bone Conduction Hearing Aids (BAHA)	Implantable Bone Conduction Hearing Aids (BAHA), 1A-36	Physical Health
Special Services: After Hours	Special Services: After Hours, 1A-38	Physical Health
Routine Costs in Clinical Trial Services for Life Threatening Conditions	Routine Costs in Clinical Trial Services for Life Threatening Conditions, 1A-39	Physical Health
Fecal Microbiota Transplantation	Fecal Microbiota Transplantation, 1A-40	Physical Health
Office-Based Opioid Treatment: Use of Buprenorphine and Buprenorphine-Naloxone	Office-Based Opioid Treatment: Use of Buprenorphine and Buprenorphine-Naloxone, 1A-41	Physical Health
Balloon Ostial Dilation (BOD)	Balloon Ostial Dilation, 1A-42	Physical Health
Physician's Drug Program	Physician's Drug Program, 1B	Physician Drug Program
Podiatry Services	Podiatry Services, 1C-1	Physical Health
Medically Necessary Routine Foot Care	Medically Necessary Routine Foot Care, 1C-2	Physical Health
Refugee Health Assessments Provided in Health Departments	Refugee Health Assessments Provided in Health Departments, 1D-1	Physical Health
Sexually Transmitted Disease Treatment Provided in Health Departments	Sexually Transmitted Disease Treatment Provided in Health Departments, 1D-2	Physical Health
Tuberculosis Control and Treatment Provided in Health Departments	Tuberculosis Control and Treatment Provided in Health Departments, 1D-3	Physical Health
Core Services Provided in Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics	Core Services Provided in Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics, 1D-4	Physical Health
Hysterectomy	Hysterectomy, 1E-1	Physical Health
Therapeutic and Non-therapeutic Abortions	Therapeutic and Non-therapeutic Abortions, 1E-2	Physical Health
Sterilization Procedures	Sterilization Procedures, 1E-3	Physical Health

Service	NC Clinical Coverage Policy link	Scope
Fetal Surveillance	Fetal Surveillance, 1E-4	Physical Health
Obstetrics	Obstetrics, 1E-5	Physical Health
Pregnancy Medical Home	Pregnancy Medical Home, 1E-6	Physical Health
Family Planning Services	Family Planning Services, 1E-7	Physical Health
Chiropractic Services	Chiropractic Services, 1F	Physical Health
Burn Treatment	Burn Treatment, 1G-1	Physical Health
Skin Substitutes	Skin Substitutes, 1G-2	Physical Health
Telemedicine and	Telehealth, Virtual Patient	
Telepsychiatry	Communications and Remote Patient Monitoring, 1H	Physical Health
Dietary Evaluation and Counseling and Medical Lactation Services	Dietary Evaluation and Counseling and Medical Lactation Services, 1-I	Physical Health
Breast Imaging Procedures	Breast Imaging Procedures, 1K-1	Physical Health
Bone Mass Measurement	Bone Mass Measurement, 1K-2	Physical Health
Radiation Oncology	Radiation Oncology, 1K-6	Physical Health
Prior Approval for Imaging	Prior Approval for Imaging Services, 1K-	Physical Health
Services	7	
Anesthesia Services	Anesthesia Services, 1L-1	Physical Health
Moderate (Conscious) Sedation, AKA Procedural Sedation and Analgesia (PSA)	Moderate (Conscious) Sedation, AKA Procedural Sedation and Analgesia (PSA), IL-2	Physical Health
Childbirth Education	Childbirth Education, 1M-2	Physical Health
Health and Behavior Intervention	Health and Behavior Intervention 1M-3	Physical Health
Home Visit for Newborn Care and Assessment	Home Visit for Newborn Care and Assessment, 1M-4	Physical Health
Home Visit for Postnatal Assessment and Follow-up Care	Home Visit for Postnatal Assessment and Follow-up Care, 1M-5	Physical Health
Maternal Care Skilled Nurse Home Visit	Maternal Care Skilled Nurse Home Visit, 1M-6	Physical Health
Allergy Testing	Allergy Testing, 1N-1	Physical Health
Allergy Immunotherapy	Allergy Immunotherapy, 1N-2	Physical Health
Reconstructive and	Reconstructive and Cosmetic Surgery, 1-	Physical Health
Cosmetic Surgery	0-1	
Craniofacial Surgery	Craniofacial Surgery 1-O-2	Physical Health
Keloid Excision and Scar Revision	Keloid Excision and Scar Revision, 1-O-3	Physical Health
Rhinoplasty and/or Septorhinoplasty	Rhinoplasty and/or Septorhinoplasty, 1- O-5	Physical Health

Service	NC Clinical Coverage Policy link	Scope
Phase II Outpatient Cardiac Rehabilitation Programs	Phase II Outpatient Cardiac Rehabilitation Programs, 1R-1	Physical Health
Electrocardiography, Echocardiography, and Intravascular Ultrasound	Electrocardiography, Echocardiography, and Intravascular Ultrasound, 1R-4	Physical Health
Genotyping and Phenotyping for HIV Drug Resistance Testing	Genotyping and Phenotyping for HIV Drug Resistance Testing, 1S-1	Physical Health
HIV Tropism Assay	HIV Tropism Assay, 1S-2	Physical Health
Laboratory Services	Laboratory Services, 1S-3	Physical Health
Genetic Testing	Genetic Testing, 1S-4	Physical Health
Gene Expression Profiling for Breast Cancer	Gene Expression Profiling for Breast Cancer IS-7	Physical Health
Drug Testing for Opioid Treatment and Controlled Substance Monitoring	Drug Testing for Opioid Treatment and Controlled Substance Monitoring, 1S-8	Physical Health
General Ophthalmological Services	General Ophthalmological Services, 1T-1	Physical Health
Special Ophthalmological Services	Special Ophthalmological Services, IT-2	Physical Health
Acute Inpatient Services	Acute Inpatient Services, 2A-1	Physical Health
Long Term Care Hospital Services	Long Term Care Hospital Services, 2A-2	Physical Health
Out-of-State Services	Out-of-State Services, 2A-3	Physical Health
Nursing Facility Services	Nursing Facility Services, 2B-1	Physical Health
Geropsychiatric Units in Nursing Facilities	Geropsychiatric Units in Nursing Facilities, 2B-2	Physical Health
Home Health Services	Home Health Services, 3A	Physical Health
Hospice Services	Hospice Services, 3D	Physical Health
Private Duty Nursing for Beneficiaries Age 21 and Older	Private Duty Nursing for Beneficiaries Age 21 and Older, 3G-1	Physical Health
Private Duty Nursing for Beneficiaries Under 21 Years of Age	Private Duty Nursing for Beneficiaries Under 21 Years of Age, 3G-2	Physical Health
Home Infusion Therapy	Home Infusion Therapy, 3H-1	Physical Health
State Plan Personal Care Services (PCS)	State Plan Personal Care Services (PCS), 3L	Physical Health
Physical Rehabilitation Equipment and Supplies	Physical Rehabilitation Equipment and Supplies, 5A-1	Physical Health
Respiratory Equipment and Supplies	Respiratory Equipment and Supplies, 5A-2	Physical Health

Service	NC Clinical Coverage Policy link	Scope
Nursing Equipment and Supplies	Nursing Equipment and Supplies, 5A-3	Physical Health
Orthotics & Prosthetics	Orthotics & Prosthetics, 5B	Physical Health
Routine Eye Examination and Visual Aids for Beneficiaries Under 21 Years of Age	Routine Eye Examination and Visual Aids for Beneficiaries Under 21 Years of Age, 6A	Physical Health
Routine Eye Examination and Visual Aids for Beneficiaries 21 Years of Age and Older	Routine Eye Examination and Visual Aids for Beneficiaries 21 Years of Age and Older, 6B	Physical Health
Hearing Aid Services	Hearing Aid Services, 7	Physical Health
Mobile Crisis Management	Enhanced Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, 8A	Behavioral Health
Diagnostic Assessment	Enhanced Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, 8A	Behavioral Health
Partial Hospitalization	Enhanced Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, 8A	Behavioral Health
Professional Treatment Services in Facility-based Crisis Programs	Enhanced Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, 8A	Behavioral Health
Peer Support Services (PSS)	Peer Support Services (PSS), 8G	Behavioral Health
Psychological Services in Health Departments and School-Based Health Centers Sponsored by Health Departments to the under-21 Population	Psychological Services in Health Departments and School-Based Health Centers Sponsored by Health Departments to the under-21 Population, 81	Behavioral Health
Children's Developmental Service Agencies (CDSAs)	Children's Developmental Service Agencies (CDSAs), 8J	Behavioral Health
Mental Health/Substance Abuse Targeted Case Management	Mental Health/Substance Abuse Targeted Case Management, 8L	Behavioral Health
NC Health Choice – Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Targeted Case Management	NC Health Choice – Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Targeted Case Management, 8N-NCHC	Behavioral Health
Services for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and Mental Health or Substance Abuse Co-Occurring Disorders	Services for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and Mental Health or Substance Abuse Co-Occurring Disorders, 80	Behavioral Health

Service	NC Clinical Coverage Policy link	Scope
Ambulatory Detoxification: Medicaid Billable Service	Enhanced Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, 8A	Behavioral Health
Non-hospital Medical	Enhanced Mental Health and Substance	Behavioral
Detoxification: Medicaid	Abuse Services, 8A	Health
Billable Service	·	
Medically Supervised or	Enhanced Mental Health and Substance	Behavioral
ADATC Detox Crisis	Abuse Services, 8A	Health
Stabilization: Medicaid		
Billable Service	Enhanced Montal Hoolth and Culotones	Dahariaral
Outpatient Opioid	Enhanced Mental Health and Substance	Behavioral
Treatment: Medicaid and NCHC Billable Service	Abuse Services, 8A	Health
Facility-Based Crisis Service	Facility-Based Crisis Service for Children	Behavioral
for Children and Adolescents	and Adolescents, 8A-2	Health
Inpatient Behavioral Health Services	Inpatient Behavioral Health Services, 8B	Behavioral Health
Outpatient Behavioral Health	Outpatient Behavioral Health Services	Behavioral
Provided by Direct-Enrolled Providers	Provided by Direct-enrolled Providers, 8C	Health
Psychotherapy for Crisis	Outpatient Behavioral Health Services	Behavioral
	Provided by Direct-enrolled Providers, 8C	Health
Psychological/Neuropsychol	Outpatient Behavioral Health Services	Behavioral
ogical Testing	Provided by Direct-enrolled Providers, 8C	Health
Research-Based Behavioral	Research-Based Behavioral Health	Behavioral
Health Treatment (RB-BHT)	Treatment (RB-BHT) for Autism	Health
for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)	Spectrum Disorder (ASD), 8F	
Outpatient Pharmacy	Outpatient Pharmacy, 9	Pharmacy
Over-The-Counter Products	Over-The-Counter Products, 9A	Pharmacy
Hemophilia Specialty	Hemophilia Specialty Pharmacy	Pharmacy
Pharmacy Program	Program, 9B	
Off Label Antipsychotic	Off Label Antipsychotic Safety	Pharmacy
Safety Monitoring in	Monitoring in Beneficiaries Through Age	
Beneficiaries Through Age 17	17, 9D	
Off Label Antipsychotic	Off Label Antipsychotic Safety	Pharmacy
Safety Monitoring in	Monitoring in Beneficiaries 18 and Older,	
Beneficiaries 18 and Older	9E	
Outpatient Specialized	Outpatient Specialized Therapies, 10-A	Physical Health
Therapies	Independent Drestitioners (ID) 40 D	Dhysical Llash
Independent Practitioners	Independent Practitioners (IP), 10-B	Physical Health
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Service	NC Clinical Coverage Policy link	Scope
Independent Practitioners Respiratory Therapy Services	Independent Practitioners Respiratory Therapy Services, 10-D	Physical Health
Hematopoietic Stem-Cell Transplantation for Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL)	Hematopoietic Stem-Cell Transplantation for Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL), 11A-1	Physical Health
Hematopoietic Stem-Cell Transplant for Acute Myeloid Leukemia	Hematopoietic Stem-Cell Transplant for Acute Myeloid Leukemia, 11A-2	Physical Health
Hematopoietic Stem-Cell Transplantation for Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia	Hematopoietic Stem-Cell Transplantation for Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia, 11A-3	Physical Health
Allogeneic Hematopoietic Transplant for Genetic Diseases and Acquired Anemias	Allogeneic Hematopoietic Transplant for Genetic Diseases and Acquired Anemias, 11A-5	Physical Health
Hematopoietic Stem-Cell Transplantation in the Treatment of Germ Cell Tumors	Hematopoietic Stem-Cell Transplantation in the Treatment of Germ Cell Tumors, 11A-6	Physical Health
Hematopoietic Stem-Cell Transplantation for Hodgkin Lymphoma	Hematopoietic Stem-Cell Transplantation for Hodgkin Lymphoma, 11A-7	Physical Health
Hematopoietic Stem-Cell Transplantation For Multiple Myeloma and Primary Amyloidosis	Hematopoietic Stem-Cell Transplantation For Multiple Myeloma and Primary Amyloidosis, 11A-8	Physical Health
Allogeneic Stem-Cell Transplantation for Myelodysplastic Syndromes & Myeloproliferative Neoplasms	Allogeneic Stem-Cell Transplantation for Myelodysplastic Syndromes & Myeloproliferative Neoplasms, 11A-9	Physical Health
Hematopoietic Stem-Cell Transplantation (HSCT) for Central Nervous System (CNS) Embryonal Tumors & Ependymoma	Hematopoietic Stem-Cell Transplantation (HSCT) for Central Nervous System (CNS) Embryonal Tumors & Ependymoma, 11A-10	Physical Health
Hematopoietic Stem-Cell Transplant for Non- Hodgkin's Lymphoma	Hematopoietic Stem-Cell Transplant for Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma, 11A-11	Physical Health
Placental and Umbilical Cord Blood as a Source of Stem Cells	Placental and Umbilical Cord Blood as a Source of Stem Cells, 11A-14	Physical Health

Service	NC Clinical Coverage Policy link	Scope
Hematopoietic Stem-Cell Transplantation for Solid Tumors of Childhood	Hematopoietic Stem-Cell Transplantation for Solid Tumors of Childhood, 11A-15	Physical Health
Hematopoietic Stem-Cell Transplantation for Chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) and Small lymphocytic lymphoma (SLL)	Hematopoietic Stem-Cell Transplantation for Chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) and Small lymphocytic lymphoma (SLL), 11A-16	Physical Health
CAR-T Cell Therapy	CAR-T Cell Therapy, 11A-17	Physical Health
Lung Transplantation	Lung Transplantation, 11B-1	Physical Health
Heart Transplantation	Heart Transplantation, 11B-2	Physical Health
Islet Cell Transplantation	Islet Cell Transplantation, 11B-3	Physical Health
Kidney (Renal) Transplantation	Kidney (Renal) Transplantation, 11B-4	Physical Health
Liver Transplantation	Liver Transplantation, 11B-5	Physical Health
Heart/Lung Transplantation	Heart/Lung Transplantation, 11B-6	Physical Health
Pancreas Transplant	Pancreas Transplant, 11B-7	Physical Health
Small Bowel and Small Bowel/Liver and Multivisceral Transplants	Small Bowel and Small Bowel/Liver and Multivisceral Transplants, 11B-8	Physical Health
Ventricular Assist Devices	Ventricular Assist Devices, 11-C	Physical Health
Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Case Management	Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Case Management, 12B	Physical Health
Cochlear and Auditory Brainstem Implant External Parts Replacement and Repair	Cochlear and Auditory Brainstem Implant External Parts Replacement and Repair, 13A	Physical Health
Soft Band and Implantable Bone Conduction Hearing Aid External Parts Replacement and Repair	Soft Band and Implantable Bone Conduction Hearing Aid External Parts Replacement and Repair, 13B	Physical Health
Ambulance Services	Ambulance Services, 15	Physical Health