

PROVIDER BULLETIN

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February 1, 2021

New Medical Policy IV-168: Hysterectomy Surgery for Non-Malignant Conditions

Effective April 5, 2021, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) will implement a new medical policy, IV-168: Hysterectomy for Non-Malignant Conditions.

Hysterectomies are one of the most frequently performed surgical procedures in the United States. National guidelines support the need for non-malignant hysterectomy in circumstances in which there has been a lack of response to conservative treatments. As an advocate for our members' health and health care dollars, Blue Cross is dedicated to ensuring that members receive medically necessary care at the right time and place. To that end, Blue Cross is committed to ensuring that non-malignant hysterectomies are supported by medical necessity guidelines. Non-malignant hysterectomies will be reviewed according to standards for medical necessity as published in the new medical policy.

On February 1, 2021, Blue Cross will begin reviewing historical medical records to inform providers which procedures would not meet medical necessity according to the upcoming medical policy criteria. Blue Cross will inform providers of procedures that will not meet medical necessity as of April 5, 2021. This information will be provided for educational purposes only, based on claims for dates of service between December 1, 2020 and March 31, 2021.

Beginning with April 5, 2021 dates of service, reimbursement will be recouped for hysterectomy surgeries for non-malignant conditions that do not meet the medical necessity criteria outlined in the new medical policy.

List of Impacted Procedures (Subject to change prior to 2/1/21)	
Procedure	CPT Codes
Hysterectomy Surgery for Non- Malignant Conditions	58150
	58152
	58180
	58260
	58262-58263
	58267
	58270
	58275
	58280
	58290-58294
	58541-58544
	58550
	58552-58554
	58570-58573
59525	

Products Impacted

All procedures included in the IV-168 medical policy will apply to the following Blue Cross products:

- Fully and Self-Insured commercial lines of business

Reminder Regarding Medical Policy Updates & Changes:

Medical policy changes are communicated in the Upcoming Medical Policy Notifications section of the Blue Cross Medical and Behavioral Health Policy website. The Upcoming Policies section lists new, revised, or inactivated policies approved by the Blue Cross Medical and Behavioral Health Policy Committee and are effective at minimum 45 days from the date they were posted.

To access the website:

- Go to providers.bluecrossmn.com
- Under Tools & Resources, select “Medical Policy”, and read/accept the Blue Cross Medical Policy Statement
- Select the “+” (plus) sign next to “Medical and Behavioral Health Policies” to see the Upcoming Medical Policy Notifications section

Summary:

MEDICAL POLICY EFFECTIVE 4/5/21 (Commercial Fully Insured and Self-Insured)

- Non-malignant hysterectomies must meet medical necessity criteria defined in an upcoming medical policy to qualify for reimbursement.
- Blue Cross will review outpatient non-malignant hysterectomy claims to determine if the services provided were in accordance with this new medical policy.
- Payment for procedures that do not meet medical necessity will be recouped beginning with dates of service on or after April 5, 2021.

Questions?

If you have questions, please contact provider services at **(651) 662-5200** or **1-800-262-0820**.