



**BlueCross BlueShield
of Illinois**

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois Provider Manual

HMO Scope of Benefits Section

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois, a Division of Health Care Service Corporation, a Mutual Legal Reserve Company,
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Acupuncture

Benefit

Acupuncture is in benefit if determined medically necessary by the Primary Care Physician (PCP) for the following HMO products: HMO Illinois[®], Blue Advantage HMOSM. Acupuncture is not in benefit for the following HMO products: Blue Precision HMOSM, BlueCare DirectSM and Blue FocusCareSM.

Interpretation

Acupuncture is the practice of piercing specific sites with needles. Acupuncture has been utilized for a variety of clinical conditions, including:

- Induction of surgical anesthesia
- Relief of pain
- Alleviation of withdrawal symptoms of substance abuse
- Treatment of various non-painful disorders

Paid by	IPA (if referred by the PCP) Member (if not referred by the PCP)
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Coverage Variation

Blue Precision HMO, BlueCare Direct and Blue FocusCare members – Acupuncture is not a covered benefit.

Note: Refer to Tobacco Cessation for additional information regarding laser acupuncture treatment for tobacco cessation.