



**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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# Amniocentesis

## Benefit

Amniocentesis is covered when performed by or on referral of an IPA physician.

## Interpretation

Benefits are available for amniocentesis when performed as a means of attempting to determine if the fetus is afflicted with, or at high risk for, a specific hereditary disorder or developmental defect. The IPA physician is not obliged to perform or refer for amniocentesis when there is no clinical indication for it, i.e. for fetal gender determination.

<b>Paid by</b>	Professional Charges:	<b>IPA</b>
	Inpatient and/or Outpatient Surgical Facility Charges:	<b>HMO</b>
	Outpatient Facility Charges:	<b>IPA</b>

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