



**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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# BRCA (Breast Cancer Susceptibility) Testing and Related Genetic Counseling

## Benefit

BRCA (Breast Cancer Susceptibility Gene 1, Gene 2) testing, related to breast and ovarian cancer, and related genetic counseling, is a covered benefit, when referred by the PCP or WPHCP.

## Interpretation

- For a woman who has had a prior BRCA-positive breast or ovarian tumor, BRCA testing is covered. The member's copayment, coinsurance and/or deductible would apply (as applicable).
- The Affordable Care Act and related laws mandate that BRCA testing and related genetic counseling be provided, at no cost to the member, under the following circumstances:
  - The woman has personal history of non-BRCA related breast or ovarian cancer OR
  - The woman has a family history of breast, ovarian, tubal or peritoneal cancer

The woman should be tested with one of several screening tools designed to identify a personal and/or family history that may be associated with an increased risk for potentially harmful mutations in breast cancer susceptibility genes (BRCA 1 or BRCA 2)

Women with positive screening results should receive genetic counseling and, if indicated after counseling, BRCA testing.

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