



**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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## Earplugs

### Benefit

Earplugs to protect the external auditory canal are not a covered benefit.

### Interpretation

Earplugs used to prevent swimmer's ear or other disorders caused by submersion of the auditory canal are considered a hygienic item and therefore not covered.

Earplugs used to block the auditory canal after tympanostomy tubes have been inserted are also not covered.

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