



**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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## Growth Factors for Wound Healing

### Benefit

FDA-approved growth factors are in benefit as adjunctive therapy for neuropathic ulcers extending into or beyond subcutaneous tissue, if these ulcers have an adequate blood supply.

### Interpretation

Growth factors are substances that play a role in normal wound healing. These substances occur naturally but can also be obtained from blood or by genetic recombinant techniques. Once obtained and compounded into a salve, growth factor preparations reportedly stimulate regrowth of soft tissue, capillaries and skin.

Only FDA-approved preparations are in benefit. Preparations prescribed for use by the member in the member's home are covered by the prescription benefit. Preparations used in a physician's office or another outpatient setting are the financial responsibility of the IPA.

<b>Paid by</b>	Preparations for home use	<b>HMO (through prescription benefit)</b>
	Preparations for use in physician's office or other ambulatory setting	<b>IPA</b>

### Benefit Variation

Benefit plan DIRPI- No drug benefit.

Some employer groups have no, or limited, pharmacy benefits.

A small percentage of HMO members receive pharmacy benefits from non-BCBSIL vendors and coverage may vary.