



**BlueCross BlueShield
of Illinois**

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois Provider Manual

HMO Scope of Benefits Section

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Prostate Procedures

Benefit

The following prostate procedures are usually undertaken in members with benign prostatic hypertrophy (BPH) or prostate cancer. Transurethral prostate resection (TURP) and various transabdominal prostate resections are long-established procedures.

Interpretation

Balloon dilatation of the prostatic urethra may be indicated if the member has a small but obstructive prostate, is not a candidate for other procedures, and if retrograde ejaculation is particularly undesirable.

Cryosurgery consists of the administration of liquid nitrogen into diseased tissue under ultrasound guidance. It is in benefit for selected members with prostate cancer.

Laser prostatectomy is in benefit as an alternative to TURP for members with any disease for which TURP is indicated.

Transurethral Radiofrequency Needle Ablation (RFNA) via TUNA® RFNA device is in benefit for men with BPH, as an alternative to TURP.

Brachytherapy, which is the implantation of radioactive seeds for the treatment of prostate cancer, is in benefit. Seeds are placed under ultrasound, fluoroscopic, and/or computed tomographic guidance.

Transrectal ultrasound is in benefit for a number of indications, including but not limited to screening, diagnosis, cancer staging, and guidance of biopsy sampling and radioactive seed implantation.

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