

**Medical Policies and  
Clinical Utilization Management Guidelines update**

**Medical Policies**

On June 6, 2019, the Medical Policy and Technology Assessment Committee (MPTAC) approved the following *Medical Policies* applicable to Empire BlueCross BlueShield (Empire).

Publish date	Medical Policy #	Medical Policy title	New or revised
June 13, 2019	MED.00129	Gene Therapy for Spinal Muscular Atrophy	New
June 13, 2019	GENE.00029	Genetic Testing for Breast and/or Ovarian Cancer Syndrome	Revised
June 13, 2019	* SURG.00011	Allogeneic, Xenographic, Synthetic, and Composite Products for Wound Healing and Soft Tissue Grafting	Revised
June 13, 2019	SURG.00023	Breast Procedures; including Reconstructive Surgery, Implants and Other Breast Procedures	Revised
June 13, 2019	SURG.00028	Surgical and Minimally Invasive Treatments for Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia (BPH) and Other Genitourinary Conditions	Revised
June 27, 2019	GENE.00025	Molecular Profiling and Proteogenomic Testing for the Evaluation of Malignancies  Previous title: Molecular Profiling and Proteogenomic Testing for the Evaluation of Malignant Tumors	Revised
June 27, 2019	DRUG.00046	Ipilimumab (Yervoy®)	Revised
June 27, 2019	DRUG.00053	Carfilzomib (Kyprolis®)	Revised
June 27, 2019	DRUG.00062	Obinutuzumab (Gazyva®)	Revised
June 27, 2019	DRUG.00067	Ramucirumab (Cyramza®)	Revised
June 27, 2019	DRUG.00071	Pembrolizumab (Keytruda®)	Revised
June 27, 2019	DRUG.00075	Nivolumab (Opdivo®)	Revised
June 27, 2019	DRUG.00107	Avelumab (Bavencio®)	Revised
June 27, 2019	GENE.00044	Analysis of PIK3CA Status in Tumor Cells	Revised
June 27, 2019	* SURG.00121	Transcatheter Heart Valve Procedures	Revised
June 27, 2019	GENE.00001	Genetic Testing for Cancer Susceptibility	Revised
June 27, 2019	GENE.00043	Genetic Testing of an Individual's Genome for Inherited Diseases	Revised
June 27, 2019	LAB.00011	Analysis of Proteomic Patterns	Revised
June 27, 2019	LAB.00015	Detection of Circulating Tumor Cells in the Blood as a Prognostic Factor for Cancer	Revised

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July 10, 2019	GENE.00051	Bronchial Gene Expression Classification for the Diagnostic Evaluation of Lung Cancer	New
July 10, 2019	SURG.00153	Cardiac Contractility Modulation Therapy	New
July 10, 2019	* DME.00037	Cooling Devices and Combined Cooling/Heating Devices	Revised
July 10, 2019	DME.00038	Static Progressive Stretch (SPS) and Patient-Actuated Serial Stretch (PASS) Devices	Revised
July 10, 2019	GENE.00011	Gene Expression Profiling for Managing Breast Cancer Treatment	Revised
July 10, 2019	* LAB.00027	Selected Blood, Serum and Cellular Allergy and Toxicity Tests	Revised
July 10, 2019	* LAB.00033	Protein Biomarkers for the Screening, Detection and Management of Prostate Cancer	Revised
July 10, 2019	MED.00109	Corneal Collagen Cross-Linking	Revised
July 10, 2019	* OR-PR.00003	Microprocessor Controlled Lower Limb Prosthesis	Revised
July 10, 2019	SURG.00005	Partial Left Ventriculectomy	Revised
July 10, 2019	* SURG.00045	Extracorporeal Shock Wave Therapy  Previous Title: Extracorporeal Shock Wave Therapy for Orthopedic Conditions	Revised
July 10, 2019	SURG.00120	Internal Rib Fixation Systems	Revised
September 4, 2019	GENE.00010	Genotype Panel Testing for Genetic Polymorphisms to Determine Drug-Metabolizer Status  Previous title: Genotype Testing for Genetic Polymorphisms to Determine Drug-Metabolizer Status	Revised

### ***Clinical UM Guidelines***

On June 6, 2019, the MPTAC approved the following *Clinical UM Guidelines* applicable to Empire. These guidelines were adopted by the Medical Operations Committee for Medicare Advantage members on July 5, 2019.

<b>Publish date</b>	<b><i>Clinical UM Guideline #</i></b>	<b><i>Clinical UM Guideline title</i></b>	<b>New or revised</b>
June 27, 2019	CG-SURG-97	Cardioverter Defibrillators	New
June 27, 2019	CG-DRUG-98	Bendamustine Hydrochloride	Revised
June 27, 2019	CG-LAB-09	Drug Testing or Screening in the Context of Substance Use Disorder and Chronic Pain	Revised
June 27, 2019	CG-LAB-14	Respiratory Viral Panel Testing in the Outpatient Setting	Revised
July 10, 2019	CG-SURG-100	Laser Trabeculoplasty and Laser Peripheral Iridotomy	New
July 10, 2019	CG-ADMIN-01	Clinical Utilization Management (UM) Guideline for Pre-Payment Review Medical Necessity Determinations When No Other Clinical UM Guideline Exists	Revised
July 10, 2019	CG-ANC-06	Ambulance Services: Ground; Non-Emergent	Revised
July 10, 2019	CG-DME-03	Neuromuscular Stimulation in the Treatment of Muscle Atrophy	Revised
July 10, 2019	CG-DME-07	Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) Devices with Digitized or Synthesized Speech Output  Previous title: Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) Devices/Speech Generating Devices (SGD)	Revised
July 10, 2019	CG-DME-08	Infant Home Apnea Monitors	Revised
July 10, 2019	CG-DME-39	Dynamic Low-Load Prolonged-Duration Stretch Devices	Revised
July 10, 2019	CG-DME-42	Non-implantable Insulin Infusion and Blood Glucose Monitoring Devices	Revised
July 10, 2019	CG-DME-45	Ultrasound Bone Growth Stimulation	Revised
July 10, 2019	CG-MED-41	Moderate to Deep Anesthesia Services for Dental Surgery in the Facility Setting	Revised
July 10, 2019	CG-MED-49	Auditory Brainstem Responses (ABRs) and Evoked Otoacoustic Emissions (OAEs) for Hearing Disorders	Revised
July 10, 2019	CG-MED-57	Cardiac Stress Testing with Electrocardiogram	Revised
July 10, 2019	CG-MED-59	Upper Gastrointestinal Endoscopy in Adults	Revised
July 10, 2019	CG-SURG-11	Surgical Treatment for Dupuytren's Contracture	Revised

July 10, 2019	CG-SURG-17	Trigger Point Injections	Revised
July 10, 2019	CG-SURG-35	Intracytoplasmic Sperm Injection (ICSI)	Revised
July 10, 2019	CG-SURG-49	Endovascular Techniques (Percutaneous or Open Exposure) for Arterial Revascularization of the Lower Extremities	Revised
July 10, 2019	CG-SURG-81	Cochlear Implants and Auditory Brainstem Implants	Revised
July 10, 2019	CG-SURG-85	Hip Resurfacing	Revised
July 10, 2019	CG-SURG-93	Angiographic Evaluation and Endovascular Intervention for Dialysis Access Circuit Dysfunction	Revised
September 4, 2019	CG-GENE-11	Genotype Testing for Individual Genetic Polymorphisms to Determine Drug-Metabolizer Status	New
September 4, 2019	CG-GENE-10	Chromosomal Microarray Analysis (CMA) for Developmental Delay, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Intellectual Disability (Intellectual Developmental Disorder) and Congenital Anomalies	New
September 4, 2019	CG-SURG-101	Ablative Techniques as a Treatment for Barrett's Esophagus	New
September 4, 2019	CG-SURG-102	Alcohol Septal Ablation for Treatment of Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy	New