MEDICAL POLICY

POLICY TITLE	EXPERIMENTAL AND INVESTIGATIONAL PROCEDURES
POLICY NUMBER	MP 4.002

CLINICAL BENEFIT	☒ MINIMIZE SAFETY RISK OR CONCERN. ☒ MINIMIZE HARMFUL OR INEFFECTIVE INTERVENTIONS. ☐ ASSURE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF CARE. ☐ ASSURE APPROPRIATE DURATION OF SERVICE FOR INTERVENTIONS. ☒ ASSURE THAT RECOMMENDED MEDICAL PREREQUISITES HAVE BEEN MET. ☐ ASSURE APPROPRIATE SITE OF TREATMENT OR SERVICE.
Effective Date:	**2/1/2026**

POLICY

A service or supply, including, but not limited to, a drug, treatment, device, or procedure is considered **experimental or investigational** if any of the following criteria are met:

- It cannot be lawfully marketed without the approval of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and final approval is not granted at the time of its use or proposed use;
- It is the subject of a current investigational new drug or new device application on file with the FDA;
- The predominant opinion among experts as expressed in medical literature is that usage should be largely confined to research settings;
- The predominant opinion among experts as expressed in medical literature is that further research is needed in order to define safety, toxicity, effectiveness or effectiveness compared with other approved alternatives; or
- It is not investigational in itself but would not be medically necessary except for its use with a drug, device, treatment or procedure that is investigational or experimental.

When determining whether a drug, treatment, device, or procedure is **experimental or investigational**, the following information may be considered:

- The member's medical record;
- The protocol(s) pursuant to which the treatment is to be delivered;
- Any consent document the patient has signed or will be asked to sign, in order to undergo the procedure;
- The referenced medical or scientific literature regarding the procedure at issue as applied to the injury or illness at issue;
- Regulations and other official actions and publications issued by the federal government; and
- The opinion of a third-party medical expert in the field, obtained by Capital Blue Cross, with respect to whether a treatment or procedure is experimental or investigational.

Cross-References:

MP 2.010 Clinical Trials and Expanded Access Services
MP 2.103 Off-Label Use of Medications

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PRODUCT VARIATIONS

This policy is only applicable to certain programs and products administered by Capital Blue Cross and subject to benefit variations. Please see additional information below.

FEP PPO - Refer to FEP Medical Policy Manual. The FEP Medical Policy manual can be found at: https://www.fepblue.org/benefit-plans/medical-policies-and-utilization-management-guidelines/medical-policies.

DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND

Experimental and investigational services (e.g., devices, drugs, procedures, supplies, technologies, treatments) are services whose safety or efficacy is not known or are services that are used in a way that departs from generally accepted standards of practice in the medical community.

RATIONALE

NA

DEFINITIONS

NA

DISCLAIMER

Capital Blue Cross' medical policies are used to determine coverage for specific medical technologies, procedures, equipment, and services. These medical policies do not constitute medical advice and are subject to change as required by law or applicable clinical evidence from independent treatment guidelines. Treating providers are solely responsible for medical advice and treatment of members. These polices are not a guarantee of coverage or payment. Payment of claims is subject to a determination regarding the member's benefit program and eligibility on the date of service, and a determination that the services are medically necessary and appropriate. Final processing of a claim is based upon the terms of contract that applies to the members' benefit program, including benefit limitations and exclusions. If a provider or a member has a question concerning this medical policy, please contact Capital Blue Cross' Provider Services or Member Services.

CODING INFORMATION

Note: This list of codes may not be all-inclusive, and codes are subject to change at any time. The identification of a code in this section does not denote coverage as coverage is determined by the terms of member benefit information. In addition, not all covered services are eligible for separate reimbursement.

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The following procedure codes are denied as experimental/investigational based on the guidelines of this policy:

Procedure Codes: Cardiac								
33267	33269	33370	75577	0331T	0332T	0345T	0505T	0531T
0532T	0541T	0542T	0543T	0544T	0545T	0569T	0570T	0613T
0620T	0643T	0644T	0645T	0695T	0696T	0716T	0744T	0745T
0746T	0747T	0764T	0765T	0793T	0805T	0806T	0893T	0897T
0899T	0900T	0902T	0903T	0904T	0905T	0932T	0937T	0938T
0939T	0940T	0962T	0981T	0982T	0983T	0992T	0993T	C1735
C1736	C1761	C9760	C9782	C9783	C9786	C9792	S9025	

Procedure Codes: Endocrinology								
0338T	0339T	0602T	0603T	0686T				

Procedure Codes: Eyes								
0100T	0329T	0439T	0444T	0445T	0469T	0472T	0473T	0506T
0660T	0661T	0730T	0810T	0936T	L8608			

Procedure Codes: Face, Head, Neck								
30468	30469	31242	31243	0583T	0639T	0725T	0726T	0727T
0728T	0729T	0951T	0952T	0953T	0954T	0955T	0978T	0979T
0980T								

Procedure Codes: Gastroenterology								
43754	53451	53452	53453	53454	0652T	0653T	0654T	0736T
0884T	0885T	A9268	A9269	C9796	E0350	E0352		
Procedure Codes: Genitourinary								
52250	52284	52443	0596T	0597T	0664T	0665T	0666T	0667T
0668T	0669T	0670T	0714T	0738T	0739T	0867T	0870T	0871T
0872T	0873T	0874T	0875T	0886T	0888T	0898T	0935T	0990T
0991T	A6590	A6591	E0715	S9002				

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Procedure Codes: Injections								
51605	0481T	0627T	0628T	0629T	0630T	0707T	0708T	0709T
0732T	0748T	0814T	0869T	J1726	J3570	J7355		

Procedure Codes: Integumentary								
0598T	0599T	C8002						

Procedure Codes: Lab Services								
82965	82965	83884	83884	85170	85170	85547	85547	87003
87003	87467	87467	90584	90624	90637	90638	91132	91133
94690	0015M	0020M	0025U	0061U	0063U	0067U	0077U	0095U
0105U	0106U	0107U	0110U	0115U	0116U	0117U	0119U	0121U
0122U	0123U	0220U	0221U	0243U	0247U	0288U	0290U	0295U
0303U	0304U	0305U	0310U	0331U	0345U	0346U	0356U	0372U
0384U	0385U	0387U	0389U	0390U	0394U	0395U	0398U	0401U
0404U	0406U	0407U	0418U	0439U	0440U	0443U	0457U	0458U
0463U	0464U	0466U	0472U	0482U	0483U	0484U	0487U	0496U
0500U	0501U	0502U	0506U	0511U	0512U	0522U	0524U	0531U
0532U	0535U	0537U	0541U	0542U	0545U	0546U	0547U	0548U
0577U	0579U	0580U	0581U	0587U	0588U	0589U	0590U	0591U
0558U	0559U	0563U	0564U	0570U	0573U	0593U	0599U	0601U
0604U	0607U	0608U	P2028	P2029	P2031	P2033	P2038	

Procedure Codes: Miscellaneous								
15920	27080	30210	37650	0234T	0235T	0236T	0237T	0238T
0403T	0437T	0731T	0733T	0734T	0737T	0740T	0741T	0749T
0750T	0766T	0767T	0770T	0771T	0772T	0773T	0774T	0776T
0777T	0791T	0792T	0794T	0804T	0826T	0868T	0882T	0883T
0956T	0957T	0958T	0959T	0960T	0967T	0968T	0969T	0994T
0995T	1002T	1004T	1005T	1006T	1007T	1008T	1009T	1013T
1014T	1015T	1016T	1017T	1018T	1020T	1025T	A2036	A2037
A2038	A2039	A4544	A4594	A9291	C1600	C1831	C7500	C9764
C9765	C9766	C9767	C9772	C9773	C9774	C9775	E0738	E0739

E0743	E0767	E1905	E3200	G0276	G9147	L8720	L8721	M0075
Q4383	Q4384	Q4385	Q4386	Q4393	Q4394	Q4387	Q4388	Q4389
Q4390	Q4391	Q4392	Q4395	Q4396	Q4397	S2103	S2107	S2400
S3904								

Procedure Codes: Musculoskeletal								
0547T	0554T	0555T	0557T	0691T	0717T	0718T	0719T	0743T
0778T	0779T	0815T	0901T	0946T	0999T	1000T	1001T	C9781

Procedure Codes: Radiology								
0347T	0348T	0349T	0350T	0351T	0352T	0353T	0354T	0358T
0422T	0443T	0558T	0559T	0560T	0561T	0562T	0635T	0636T
0637T	0638T	0648T	0649T	0689T	0690T	0694T	0697T	0698T
0710T	0711T	0712T	0713T	0721T	0723T	0857T	0865T	0866T
0876T	0889T	0890T	0891T	0892T	0997T	0998T	A9586	C9762
G0566								

Procedure Codes: Respiratory								
0174T	0175T	0632T	0781T	0782T	0807T	0808T	0877T	0878T
0879T	0880T	A7021	E0469					

Procedure Codes: Vaccines								
90584	90624	90637	90638	90382	90612	90613	90631	

REFERENCES

1. *Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Medicare Benefit Policy Manual. Publication 100-02. Chapter 14. Medical Devices. Rev. 1. Effective 10/01/03.*

POLICY HISTORY

MP 4.002	**05/29/2020 Administrative Update.** Added new codes effective 07/01/2020: C1748, C1849, C9059, C9061, C9063, C9122, C9760, C9762, C9763,

	C9764, C9765, C9766, C9767, 0596T, 0597T, 0598T, 0599T, 0602T, 0603T, 0613T, 0616T, 0619T
	09/08/2020 Administrative Update. Deleted Codes: C9059, C9061, C9063. Added codes: 0015M, 0210U, 0214U, 0215U, 0216U, 0217U, 0218U, 0220U, 0221U, 0222U, C9768, K1007, K1009, K1010, K1011, K1012
	11/30/2020 Administrative Update. Added new codes 0623T, 0624T, 0625T, 0626T, 0633T, 0634T, 0635T, 0636T, 0637T, 0638T. Effective 01/01/2021.
	12/14/2020 Administrative Update. Added new codes C9772, C9773, C9774 and C9775. Revised code C9760. Deleted codes 0124U, 0125U, 0126U, 0127U, 0128U, 0405T and C9745. Effective 01/01/2021.
	01/06/2021 Administrative Update. Revised code L8701 and L8702
	03/18/2021 Administrative Update. Added CPT codes 0243U and 0247U. Deleted codes 0098U, 0099U, 0100U, K1010, K1011. K1012. Effective 04/01/2021
	07/01/2021 Administrative Update. The following new codes added to the policy 0251U, 0643T, 0644T, 0645T, 0646T, 0648T, 0649T, 0652T, 0653T, 0654T, 0664T, 0665T, 0666T, 0667T, 0668T, 0669T, 0670T, 90626, 90627, 90671, 90677, C1761 and G0237.
	08/31/2021 Administrative Update. Removed codes 90619, 90697, 0565T, and 0566T. Effective 10/01/2021.
	10/12/2021 Administrative Update. Removed code 0484T. Effective 11/01/2021.
	10/13/2021 Minor Review. Coding reviewed and updated. Policy statement unchanged. Updated references. Effective date 04/01/2022
	11/02/2021 Administrative Update. Removed code 0356T. Effective date 12/01/2021.
	11/17/2021 Administrative Update. Updated code G0237 to G0327 as this was an error. Effective date 12/01/2021.
	12/01/2021 Administrative Update. Removed codes 0139U, 0356T, 0423T, 0548T, 0549T, 0550T, 0551T, C9752, C9753. Added codes 0285U, 0288U, 0295U, 0296U, 0303U, 0304U, 0305U, 0646T, 0686T, 0689T, 0690T, 0691T 0693T, 0694T, 0695T, 0696T, 0697T, 0698T, 0707T, 0708T, 0709T, 0710T, 0711T, 0712T, 0713T, 53452, 53453, 53454, 77089, 77090, 77091, 77092, 81560, 83529, 0297U, 0298U, 0299U, 0300U. Effective Date 01/01/2022
	01/05/2022 Administrative Update. Removed codes 0489T-0490T. Effective date 02/01/2022.
	03/11/2022 Administrative Update. Removed deleted code 0151U. Added new codes 0308U, 0309U, 0310U, 0312U, 0316U, 0319U, 0320U, 0321U, A9291, C9781, C9782 and C9783.Effective 04/01/2022.
	04/07/2022 Administrative Update. Removed CPT 81514. Effective 05/01/2022
	06/09/2022 Administrative Update. Added CPT 0323U-0328U, 0331U, 0714T-0719T, 0721T-0734T, 0736T, 0737T, 90584**.** Effective 07/01/2022

	06/23/2022 Minor Review. Coding reviewed and updated. Policy statement unchanged. Effective 11/01/2022
	09/14/2022 Administrative Update. Added CPT 0345U-0350U, 0353U, 0354U, C1834. Effective 10/01/2022
	12/02/2022 Administrative Update. Added 30469, 87467, 90678, 0356U, 0361U, 0363U, 0738T-0750T, 0764T-0782T, C1747, C7500. Deleted 0475T-0478T, 0491T-0493T, 0499T, 0514T, Q0222, M0222, M0223. Effective 01/01/2023
	01/12/2023 Administrative Update. Removed codes 0722T, 0724T, 0742T, and 0775T. Effective 04/01/2023. Removed Deleted codes 0324U, 0325U, C1834 & added new codes; 0369U-0374U, 0376U, 0377U, 0384U-0386U, A6590, A6591 & E1905 Effective 04/01/23.
	01/17/2023 Administrative Update. Added 0004A, 0054A, 0064A, 0074A, 0083A, 0094A. Effective 03/01/2023
	04/03/2023 Administrative Update. Added 0088U. Effective 05/01/2023
	05/08/2023 Administrative Update. Added J1726. Effective 06/01/2023
	06/05/2023 Administrative Update. Removed 0715T. Added 0001A, 0002A, 0003A, 0011A, 0012A, 0013A, 0051A, 0052A, 0053A, 0071A, 0072A, 0073A, 0081A, 0082A, 0091A, 0092A, 0093A, 0111A, 0112A, 0113A, 91300, 91301, 91305, 91306, 91307, 91308, 91309, 91309, and 91311. Added 91303, 0031A, and 0034A. Effective 07/01/2023
	06/14/2023 Administrative Update. Added 0387U, 0389U, 0390U, 0394U, 0395U, 0398U, 0399U, 0401U, 0791T, 0792T, 0793T, 0794T, 0795T, 0796T 0797T, 0798T, 0799T, 0800T, 0801T, 0802T, 0803T, 0804T, 0805T, 0806T, 0807T, 0808T, 0810T, C9786, C9787. Effective 07/01/2023.
	07/06/2023 Administrative Update. Removed 0363U. Added 90380,903851. Effective 08/01/2023.
	08/04/2023 Administrative Update. Removed 0354U, 0328U. Added Q0221. Effective 09/01/2023
	09/07/2023 Administrative Update. Removed 90678, 90380, 90381. Added 0061U, C9157, 0019M, 0402U, 0404U, 0406U, 0407U, 0412U, 0415U,0416U, 0418U, A9268, A9269, C9790, C9792. Effective 10/01/2023.
	10/05/2023 Administrative Update. Removed 0308U, 0309U, 0369U, 0370U, 0371U, 0373U, 0374U, 0399U. Effective 11/01/2023.
	10/12/2023 Minor Review. Removed CPT Codes A4563, 0693T, 0523T, 0353U, 0349U, 0348U, 0347U, 0319U, 0316U, 0323U,0320U, 0319U, 0316U, 0296U, 0202U, 0164U, 0112U, 0109U, 92519,92518, 92517, 83529, 81560, 77092, 77091, 77090, 77089.
	12/13/2023 Administrative Update. Added 0421U, 0422U, 0429U, 0435U, 0814T, 0815T, 0823T, 0824T, 0825T, 0826T, 0857T, 0861T, 0862T, 0863T, 0865T, 0866T, 31242, 31243, 52284, 90589, 90623, 90683, C1600. Deleted 0508T, 0533T, 0534T, 0535T, 0536T, 0768T,0769T, C7561, C9157, C9788, K1009 91300, 0001A - 0004A, 91305, 0051A - 0054A, 91307, 0071A - 0074A, 91308, 0081A - 0083A, 91301, 0011A - 0013A, 91306, 0064A,

91308, 0091A - 0094A, 91311, 0111A - 0113A, 91303, 0031A, 0034A, 0041A, 0042A, 0044A. Effective 01/01/2024.
03/15/2024 Administrative Update. Deleted 0416U. Added 0439U, 0440U, 0441U, 0443U, 0446U, 0447U, A4593, A4594, C9796, E0738, E0739, S9002 effective 04/01/2024
04/09/2024 Administrative Update. Added 0331T, 0332T effective 06/01/2024.
06/05/2024 Administrative Update. Added 0660T, 0661T. Removed 90589, 90623. Effective 07/01/2024
06/10/2024 Administrative Update. Deleted codes 03523U, C9787, C9790. Added codes 0020M, 0450U-0452U, 0456U-0458U, 0462U-0464U, 04666U, 0472U, 0867T-0880T, 0882T-0886T, 0888T-0893T, 0897T-0900T, 90637-8, C1605, J7355. Effective 07/01/2024.
07/08/2024 Administrative Update. Removed code 0402U. Effective 08/01/2024.
09/18/2024 Administrative Update. New codes 0480U, 0482U, 0483U, 0484U, 0496U, 0500U, 0501U, 0502U, 0504U, 0506U, 0508U, 0509U, 0511U, 0512U, 0517U, 90624, E0715, E0716, E0767, E3200, L8720, L8721, A4544, E0743, 0487U, E0469, A7021 added effective 10/01/2024.
10/16/2024 Minor Review. Removed codes 0088U, 0350U, 0377U, 0412U, 0421U, 0422U, 0440T, 0442T, C1600, C1747, C1748, C1749, 90683, 0066U, 0386U, 0416U, 0508T, L8701, L8702.
12/11/2024 Administrative Update. Added 0521U 0522U,0524U-0526U, 0528U,0901T-0905T, 0932T,0935T-0940T, 0946T 15011-15018, 81558, 82233, 83884, C1735, C1736, C8002, G0561, 0100T, 0472T, 0473T, L8608. Removed 0346U, 0456U, 0553T, 0567T, 0568T, 0616T, C9786, 90683. Effective 01/01/2025.
01/07/2025 Administrative Update. Removed G0561**.** Added 0484U effective 02/01/2025.
01/10/2025 Administrative Update. Added J9037 effective 03/01/2025.
01/22/2025 Administrative Update. Removed 0376U as this code is now in MP 2.280. Effective 05/01/2025.
03/12/2025 Administrative Update. Added codes 0531U, 0532U, 0537U, 0540U, 0541U, 0542U, 0544U, 0545U, 0546U, 0547U, G0566, 33267, 33269, 33370, 0544T, 0345T. Removed 0646T, 0795T-0803T, 0823T-0825T, 0861T-0863T, 0435U, 0019M, 0415U, 0429U, 0285U, J9037, M0222, M0223, Q0221, Q0222. Effective 04/01/2025.
05/01/2025 Administrative Update. Added codes 87003, 85170, 62292, 27080, 51605, 51020, 52250, 30210, 15920, 55705, 37650, 85547, 55720, 55725, 43754, 82965, 64818, 64809, 64746, 58400, 58410, S9025, M0075, P2028, P2029, J3570, S3904, P2038, E0350, E0352, P2033. Effective 06/01/2025
06/02/2025 Administrative Update. Added code 94690. Effective date 09/01/2025

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06/10/2025 Administrative Update. Removing the Benefit Variations and updating the Disclaimer.
06/10/2025 Administrative Update. Added codes C1604, 0558U, 0559U 0563U, 0564U, 0570U, 0573U, 0951T-0960T, 0962T, 0967T-0983T, 90382, 90612, 90613
07/15/2025 Minor Review. No changes to policy statement.
09/09/2025 Administrative Update. Added codes A2036, A2037, A2038, A2039, Q4383, Q4384, Q4385, Q4386, Q4393, Q4394, Q4387, Q4388, Q4389, Q4390, Q4391, Q4392, Q4395, Q4396, Q4397, 0577U, 0579U, 0580U, 0581U, 0587U, 0588U, 0589U, 0590U, 0591U, 0593U, 0599U, 290U. Deleted 0450U, 0451U, E0716. Effective 10/01/2025.
11/07/2025 Administrative Update. Removed code 90382. Effective 12/01/2025
12/12/2025 Administrative Update. Deleted 0361U, 0508U, 0509U, 0544U, 0619T, 0624T. Added A2008, A2019, 0601U, 0604U, 0607U, 0608U, 0990T, 0991T, 0992T ,0993T, 0994T, 0995T, 0997T, 0998T, 0999T, 1000T, 1001T, 1002T, 1004T, 1006T, 1006T, 1007T ,1008T ,1009T, 1013T, 1014T, 1015T, 1016T, 1017T, 1018T, 1020T, 1025T, 52443, 75577, 90631, 0376U, 0478U, E0446, 93025, A4638. Effective 01/01/2026