



**BlueCross BlueShield
of Illinois**

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois Provider Manual

HMO Scope of Benefits Section

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Botulinum Toxin

Benefit

Botulinum toxin is in benefit when determined by the Primary Care Physician (PCP) as medical necessary. It may be utilized to treat the following medical conditions (this is not an all-inclusive list):

- Strabismus
- Essential Blepharospasm
- Hemifacial spasm
- Spasmodic Dysphonia
- Cervical dystonia (spasmodic Torticollis)
- Oromandibular Dystonia—jaw closing type only
- Focal segmental limb Dystonia
- Achalasia of the esophagus if the member is not a surgical candidate
- Children with cerebral palsy with pain resulting from spastic joint deformity
- Other members who have painful spastic limb deformity, or where joint deformity significantly interferes with provision of supportive care.

Cosmetic Uses: Botulinum toxin is not in benefit when used for cosmetic services unrelated to restoration of bodily function, correction of congenital deformities, or for conditions resulting from accidental injuries, tumors, disease or previous therapeutic processes. Such cosmetic services may include, but are not limited to, denervation for elimination of laugh lines, worry lines, crows' feet, dynamic wrinkles, or other cosmetics.

Interpretation

Botulinum toxin is a complex protein derived from bacterial culture. The toxin has the ability to cause muscle paralysis and when occurring in contaminated food can cause fatal paralysis. In therapeutic doses, it is effective in treating conditions that feature muscle spasm as a major component. Botulinum toxin is administered by injection into the involved muscle.

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