



**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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Collagen Implant

Benefit

Collagen implanted by injection is a benefit when utilized in connection with:

- Covered reconstructive surgery (i.e. for treatment of depressed scars).
- Urological procedures to treat stress incontinence.

Interpretation

Collagen is the most abundant protein found in all mammalian connective tissue, cartilage and bone. It provides the form and support structure for these tissues. Bovine (cow) collagen is used to treat various conditions resulting from disease, trauma, surgery or congenital anomalies. Supplemental treatments are occasionally required.

Collagen implanted by injection is not in benefit when used in connection with:

- Palliative treatment of corns or calluses.
- Any treatment primarily for cosmetic indications unless other criteria for cosmetic and reconstructive surgery are met

Paid by	Professional Charges	IPA
	Drug Charges	IPA
	When used for treatment of corns, calluses, or for cosmetic indications	Member

Note: See related benefits interpretation on Cosmetic/Reconstructive Surgery