



**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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Earplugs

Benefit

Earplugs to protect the external auditory canal are not a covered benefit.

Interpretation

Earplugs used to prevent swimmer's ear or other disorders caused by submersion of the auditory canal are considered a hygienic item and therefore not covered.

Earplugs used to block the auditory canal after tympanostomy tubes have been inserted are also not covered.

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