



**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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# Epidural Anesthesia

## Benefit

Epidural anesthesia is a covered benefit.

## Interpretation

Anesthetic agents may be effectively and safely administered by the epidural route. Anesthetic is injected by direct conventional transepidermal means, or through a catheter port. Epidural anesthesia may be appropriate in a number of clinical settings, including, but not limited to, obstetrical anesthesia for cesarean section.

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