



**BlueCross BlueShield
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Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois Provider Manual

HMO Scope of Benefits Section

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Mammography

Benefit

Mammography is a covered benefit.

Interpretation

Mammography is a roentgenologic procedure performed to evaluate breast disease. Images are created by one of two methods: screen film mammography and xeromammography.

Diagnostic mammography is indicated in the evaluation of breast abnormalities found on physical examination, or when signs or symptoms suggest possible malignancy.

Routine screening mammography is recommended for women in certain age groups. The BCBSIL Preventive Health Care Guidelines recommend that mammography be performed every 1-2 years for women age 50 and over, and every 1-2 years age 40-49 if there is increased risk, or at member or physician discretion. The PCP/WPHCP determines the appropriateness of screening mammography for the individual member.

Note: The Illinois Insurance Code requires all health insurers to provide coverage for mammography, including: one baseline study age 35-39, and an annual mammogram for women 40 and older. Should a member request the test within these parameters, it is in benefit.

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