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Pharmacy Medical Policy

B-Type Natriuretic Peptide

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Policy Number: 031

BCBSA Reference Number: None

Related Policies

None

Policy

Commercial Members: Managed Care (HMO and POS), PPO, and Indemnity

Note: All requests for outpatient retail pharmacy for indications listed and not listed on the medical policy guidelines may be submitted to BCBSMA Clinical Pharmacy Operations by completing the Prior Authorization Form on the last page of this document. Physicians may also submit requests for exceptions via the web using Express PA which can be found on the BCBSMA provider portal or directly on the web at <https://provider.express-path.com>.

This medication is not covered by the pharmacy benefit. It is covered by the Medical Benefit or as a Home Infusion Therapy.

We may cover Natrecor® (nesiritide) when ALL of the following criteria are met¹:

- Patients with a diagnosis of acutely decompensated congestive heart failure who have dyspnea at rest or with minimal activity
- The medication is being administered as an inpatient (Place of Service 1- in the hospital) or in the *emergency room* treatment, only. (Place of Service 2).

Nesiritide is not covered for any other indication, including¹:

- Intermittent outpatient infusion
- Scheduled repetitive use
- To improve renal function
- To enhance diuresis.

CPT Codes / HCPCS Codes / ICD Codes

Inclusion or exclusion of a code does not constitute or imply member coverage or provider reimbursement. Please refer to the member's contract benefits in effect at the time of service to determine coverage or non-coverage as it applies to an individual member.

Providers should report all services using the most up-to-date industry-standard procedure, revenue, and diagnosis codes, including modifiers where applicable.

The following codes are included below for informational purposes only; this is not an all-inclusive list.

The above **medical necessity criteria MUST** be met for the following codes to be covered for Commercial Members: Managed Care (HMO and POS), PPO, and Indemnity:

HCPCS Codes

HCPCS codes:	Code Description
J2325	Injection, nesiritide, 0.1 mg (Natrecor®)

ICD-10 Procedure Codes

ICD-10-PCS procedure codes:	Code Description
3E063VH	Introduction of Human B-type Natriuretic Peptide into Central Artery, Percutaneous Approach
3E033VH	Introduction of Human B-type Natriuretic Peptide into Peripheral Vein, Percutaneous Approach
3E043VH	Introduction of Human B-type Natriuretic Peptide into Central Vein, Percutaneous Approach
3E053VH	Introduction of Human B-type Natriuretic Peptide into Peripheral Artery, Percutaneous Approach

The following ICD Diagnosis Codes are considered medically necessary when submitted with the codes above if **medical necessity criteria** are met:

ICD-10 Diagnosis Codes

ICD-10-CM Diagnosis codes:	Code Description
I50.42	Chronic combined systolic (congestive) and diastolic (congestive) heart failure
I50.1	Left ventricular failure, unspecified
I50.20	Unspecified systolic (congestive) heart failure
I50.21	Acute systolic (congestive) heart failure
I50.22	Chronic systolic (congestive) heart failure
I50.23	Acute on chronic systolic (congestive) heart failure
I50.30	Unspecified diastolic (congestive) heart failure
I50.31	Acute diastolic (congestive) heart failure
I50.32	Chronic diastolic (congestive) heart failure
I50.33	Acute on chronic diastolic (congestive) heart failure
I50.40	Unspecified combined systolic (congestive) and diastolic (congestive) heart failure
I50.41	Acute combined systolic (congestive) and diastolic (congestive) heart failure
I50.43	Acute on chronic combined systolic (congestive) and diastolic (congestive) heart failure
I50.9	Heart failure, unspecified

Individual Consideration

All our medical policies are written for the majority of people with a given condition. Each policy is based on medical science. For many of our medical policies, each individual's unique clinical circumstances may be considered in light of current scientific literature. Physicians may send relevant clinical information for individual patients for consideration to:

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts
 Pharmacy Operations Department
 25 Technology Place
 Hingham, MA 02043
 Tel: 1-800-366-7778
 Fax: 1-800-583-6289

Managed Care Authorization Instructions

- Prior authorization is required for all out patient sites of service
- For all outpatient sites of service, physicians may fax or mail the attached form to the address above.
- For all outpatient sites of service, physicians may also submit authorization requests via the web using Express PAtH which can be found on the BCBSMA provider portal or directly on the web at <https://provider.express-path.com>.

PPO and Indemnity Authorization Instructions

- Prior authorization **is** required when this medication is processed under the home infusion therapy benefit.
- Prior authorization **is not** required when this medication is purchased by the physician and administered in the office in accordance with this medical policy.
- Physicians may also fax or mail the attached form to the address above.
- Physicians may also submit authorization requests via the web using Express PAtH which can be found on the BCBSMA provider portal or directly on the web at <https://provider.express-path.com>

Policy History

Date	Action
7/2018	Clarified coding information.
6/2017	Updated address for Pharmacy Operations.
7/2014	Updated Coding section with ICD10 procedure and diagnosis codes, effective 10/2015.
1/2014	Updated ExpressPAtH language.
11/2011-4/2012	Medical policy ICD 10 remediation: Formatting, editing and coding updates. No changes to policy statements.
1/1/2006	New policy, effective 1/1/2006, describing covered and non-covered indication.

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To request prior authorization using the Massachusetts Standard Form for Medication Prior Authorization Requests (eForm), click the link below:

http://www.bluecrossma.com/common/en_US/medical_policies/023%20E%20Form%20medication%20prior%20auth%20instruction%20prn.pdf

Home Infusion Therapy
Prior Authorization Form



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Please complete and fax with the physician's prescription to: (888) 641-5355. If the patient is a BCBSMA employee, please fax the form to: (617)246-4013.

FOR TPN THERAPY, USE MEDICAL POLICY #296 REQUEST FORM

Company name:		Contact Name:	
Phone #:		Provider #:	
Fax#		Address:	
Patient name:		Address:	
Patient ID#:		DOB: ___/___/___	Diagnosis:
Prescribing Physician/addr:	_____	Telephone:	
PCP name/address:	_____	Telephone:	

Is this fax number 'secure' for PHI receipt/transmission per HIPAA requirements? (circle one) Yes No

Place of Service Home SNF MD office other (specify) _____

Primary Therapy

Primary drug name: _____ Approximate duration: ___/___/___ to ___/___/___
Dose: _____
Frequency: _____ Route of Administration: _____ pump: Y N

Other Therapy

Other drug name: _____ Approximate duration: ___/___/___ to ___/___/___
Dose: _____
Frequency: _____ Route of Administration: _____ pump: Y N

If this is a "drug only" authorization request, indicate other services the nursing agency is providing:

Nursing provided by: _____ Contact: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Request for 7 Day Coverage : Date of occurrence: _____ request dates: _____

Occurrence type: Hospitalization Death Change of Therapy

Physician signature: _____

Date: _____

OR Copy of prescription REQUIRED with this request