

# Medical Coverage Policy



Device/Equipment  Drug  Medical  Surgery  Test  Other

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**Prospective review is recommended/required. Please check the member agreement for preauthorization guidelines.**

**Prospective review is not required.**

**NOTE:** The effective date of this policy relates to the date BCBSRI created documentation to reflect reimbursement processes that are established and do not indicate a change in the payment process.

## Description:

BCBSRI supports transparency and believes that disclosing data to consumers and patients regarding the cost of healthcare services is critical to improving our healthcare system and that cost and quality transparency is required to improve affordability.

## Medical Criteria

none

## Policy:

Effective June 1, 2013, the following language is included in all Physician and Provider Agreements: BCBSRI and its Providers shall treat the terms of contracts as confidential information and shall not disclose the terms of these agreements to any other party, except attorneys, accountants and consultants in their course of business with either BCBSRI or the Provider, unless required by state or federal law or as required to support BCBSRI's business or regulatory needs including but not limited to transparency programs. A request by a state or federal agency will be deemed to be a requirement of state or federal law. The parties shall provide each other with reasonable notice where possible of any such disclosures required by state or federal law.

## Coverage

none

## Coding

none

## Also known as

none

## Related Topics

none

## Published

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**References**

none

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