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### **OVERVIEW**

Genetic counselors are health care providers who have graduate training in genetics and counseling. Genetic counselors work as a member of a healthcare team to provide information and support to people with possible genetic disorders. The goal of genetic counseling is to educate people about the chances of passing on or having a genetic disorder.

### **MEDICAL CRITERIA**

Not applicable.

### **PRIOR AUTHORIZATION**

Not applicable.

### **POLICY STATEMENT**

Genetic counseling is a covered service. See the Preventive Services for Commercial policy for services related to BRCA testing for breast cancer.

### **COVERAGE**

Benefits may vary between groups/contracts. Please refer to the Evidence of Coverage, Subscriber Agreement, Benefit Booklet, or RIte Care Contract for applicable specialist office visit or clinic visit coverage/benefits.

### **BACKGROUND**

Not applicable.

### **CODING**

96040

S0265

(For genetic counseling and education provided by a physician to an individual, see the appropriate Evaluation and Management codes)

### **RELATED POLICIES**

None.

### **PUBLISHED**

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### **REFERENCES**

None.

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