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Section 5(b). Surgical and Anesthesia Services Provided by Physicians and Other
Healthcare Professionals
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- Allogeneic blood or marrow stem cell transplants for:
 - Breast cancer
 - Colon cancer
 - Epidermolysis bullosa
 - Glial tumors (e.g., anaplastic astrocytoma, choroid plexus tumors, ependymoma, glioblastoma multiforme)
 - Ovarian cancer
 - Prostate cancer
 - Renal cell carcinoma
 - Retinoblastoma
 - Rhabdomyosarcoma
 - Sarcoma
 - Wilm's tumor
- Allogeneic blood or marrow stem cell transplants or autologous blood or marrow stem cell transplants for:
 - Autoimmune disease (limited to: multiple sclerosis, scleroderma, systemic lupus erythematosus and chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy)
- Autologous blood or marrow stem cell transplants for:

- Autoimmune disease (limited to: multiple sclerosis, systemic lupus erythematosus and chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy)
- Autologous blood or marrow stem cell transplants for:
 - Chronic lymphocytic leukemia/small lymphocytic lymphoma (CLL/SLL)
 - Chronic myelogenous leukemia
 - Glial tumors (e.g., anaplastic astrocytoma, choroid plexus tumors, ependymoma, glioblastoma multiforme)
 - Retinoblastoma
 - Rhabdomyosarcoma
 - Wilm's tumor and other childhood kidney cancers

Note: A transplant clinical trial may not be available for your condition. If you or your provider are considering a clinical trial, please contact us at the phone number on the back of your ID card for assistance in determining if a covered clinical trial is available in a covered facility.

If a non-randomized clinical trial for a blood or marrow stem cell transplant listed above meeting the **requirements** shown on pages [64-65](#) is not available in a covered facility near you, we will arrange for the transplant to be provided at an approved transplant program, if a clinical trial is available and you meet the inclusion criteria to participate in the clinical trial.

Benefits for Blood or marrow stem cell transplants are only available for the diagnoses as indicated above only when performed at a Blue Distinction Center for Transplants (see page [17](#)) as part of a clinical trial that meets the requirements listed below:

- You must contact us at the customer service phone number listed on the back of your ID card to obtain prior approval (see pages [19-22](#)); and
- The patient must be properly and lawfully registered in the clinical trial, meeting all the eligibility requirements of the trial; and
- For the transplant procedures listed above, the clinical trial must be reviewed and approved by the Institutional Review Board for the Blue Distinction Center for Transplant program where the procedure is to be performed.

See page [122](#) for our coverage of other costs associated with clinical trials.

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