

2024 Blue Cross and Blue Shield Service Benefit Plan - FEP Blue Focus
Section 5(a). Medical Services and Supplies Provided by Physicians and Other Healthcare Professionals
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Benefit Description

Orthopedic and Prosthetic Devices

Orthopedic braces and prosthetic appliances such as:

- Artificial limbs and eyes
- Functional foot orthotics when prescribed by a physician
- Rigid devices attached to the foot or a brace, or placed in a shoe
- Replacement, repair, and adjustment of covered devices
- Following a mastectomy, breast prostheses and surgical bras, including necessary replacements
- Surgically implanted penile prostheses limited to treatment of erectile dysfunction or as part of an approved plan for gender affirming surgery
- Surgical implants

Note: **A prosthetic appliance** is a device that is surgically inserted or physically attached to the body to restore a bodily function or replace a physical portion of the body.

We provide hospital benefits for internal prosthetic devices, such as artificial joints, pacemakers, cochlear implants, and surgically implanted breast implants following mastectomy; see Section 5(c) for payment information. Insertion of the device is paid as surgery; see Section 5(b).

You Pay

Preferred: 30% of the Plan allowance (deductible applies)

Non-preferred (Participating/Non-participating): You pay all charges

Benefit Description

Not covered:

- *Shoes (including diabetic shoes)*
- *Over-the-counter orthotics*
- *Arch supports*
- *Heel pads and heel cups*
- *Wigs (including cranial prostheses)*
- *Hearing aids, including bone anchored hearing aids, accessories or supplies (including remote controls and warranty packages) and all associated services*

You Pay

All charges

Benefit Description

Durable Medical Equipment (DME)

Durable medical equipment (DME) is equipment and supplies that are:

1. Prescribed by your attending physician (i.e., the physician who is treating your illness or injury);
2. Medically necessary;
3. Primarily and customarily used only for a medical purpose;
4. Generally useful only to a person with an illness or injury;

5. Designed for prolonged use; and
6. Used to serve a specific therapeutic purpose in the treatment of an illness or injury.

We cover rental or purchase of durable medical equipment, at our option, including repair and adjustment. Covered items include:

- Home dialysis equipment
- Oxygen equipment
- Hospital beds
- Wheelchairs

You Pay

Preferred: 30% of the Plan allowance (deductible applies)

Non-preferred (Participating/Non-participating): You pay all charges

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