

2023 Blue Cross and Blue Shield Service Benefit Plan - Standard and Basic Option
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Benefit Description

Organ/Tissue Transplants (cont.)

Even though we may state benefits are available for a specific type of clinical trial, you may not be eligible for inclusion in these trials or there may not be any trials available in a FACT-accredited facility, Blue Distinction Center for Transplants, or Cancer Research Facility to treat your condition at the time you seek to be included in a clinical trial. If your physician has recommended you participate in a clinical trial, we encourage you to contact the Case Management Department at your Local Plan for assistance.

Note: See pages [144-145](#) for our coverage of other costs associated with clinical trials.

Standard Option - You Pay

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Basic Option - You Pay

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Benefit Description

Related transplant services:

- Extraction or reinfusion of blood or marrow stem cells as part of a covered allogeneic or autologous transplant
- Harvesting, immediate preservation, and storage of stem cells when the autologous blood or marrow stem cell transplant has been scheduled or is anticipated to be scheduled within an appropriate time frame for patients diagnosed at the time of harvesting with one of the conditions listed on pages [71-74](#)

Note: Benefits are available for charges related to fees for storage of harvested autologous blood or marrow stem cells related to a covered autologous stem cell transplant that has been scheduled or is anticipated to be scheduled within an appropriate time frame. No benefits are available for any charges related to fees for long term storage of stem cells.

- Collection, processing, storage, and distribution of cord blood only when provided as part of a blood or marrow stem cell transplant scheduled or anticipated to be scheduled within an

appropriate time frame for patients diagnosed with one of the conditions listed on pages [71-74](#)

- Covered medical and hospital expenses of the donor, when we cover the recipient
- Covered services or supplies provided to the recipient
- Donor screening tests for non-full sibling (such as unrelated) potential donors, for any full sibling potential donors, and for the actual donor used for transplant

Note: See Section 5(a) for coverage for related services, such as chemotherapy and/or radiation therapy and drugs administered to stimulate or mobilize stem cells for covered transplant procedures.

Standard Option - You Pay

Preferred: 15% of the Plan allowance (deductible applies)

Participating: 35% of the Plan allowance (deductible applies)

Non-participating: 35% of the Plan allowance (deductible applies), plus any difference between our allowance and the billed amount

Basic Option - You Pay

Preferred: \$150 copayment per performing surgeon, for surgical procedures performed in an office setting

Preferred: \$200 copayment per performing surgeon, for surgical procedures performed in all other settings

Note: Your provider will document the place of service when filing your claim for the procedure(s). Please contact the provider if you have any questions about the place of service.

Note: If you receive the services of a co-surgeon, you pay a separate copayment for those services, based on where the surgical procedure is performed. No additional copayment applies to the services of assistant surgeons.

Participating/Non-participating: You pay all charges

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