STEM CELL TRANSPLANTATION FOR GENETIC DISEASES AND ACQUIRED ANEMIAS

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Coverage for services, procedures, medical devices and drugs are dependent upon benefit eligibility as outlined in the member’s specific benefit plan. This Medical Coverage Guideline must be read in its entirety to determine coverage eligibility, if any.

This Medical Coverage Guideline provides information related to coverage determinations only and does not imply that a service or treatment is clinically appropriate or inappropriate. The provider and the member are responsible for all decisions regarding the appropriateness of care. Providers should provide BCBSAZ complete medical rationale when requesting any exceptions to these guidelines.

The section identified as “Description” defines or describes a service, procedure, medical device or drug and is in no way intended as a statement of medical necessity and/or coverage.

The section identified as “Criteria” defines criteria to determine whether a service, procedure, medical device or drug is considered medically necessary or experimental or investigational.

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Description:

Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation (SCT):
Hematopoietic stem cells form blood and immune cells. SCT is a procedure in which hematopoietic stem cells are infused into a recipient with deficient bone marrow function. Bone marrow stem cells may be obtained from the transplant recipient (autologous SCT) or a donor (allogeneic SCT). They can be harvested from bone marrow, peripheral blood, or umbilical cord blood and placenta shortly after a delivery. SCT may also be referred to as bone marrow transplant (BMT).

High-Dose Chemotherapy (HDC):
HDC is the administration of myelotoxic agents at doses sufficient to cause bone marrow failure. Myeloablative chemotherapy eradicates cancerous cells from the blood and bone marrow and inhibits the immune response against the donor bone marrow. HDC may be given with or without total body radiation.

Nonmyeloablative Chemotherapy With Allogeneic Stem Cell Transplantation (SCT):
Nonmyeloablative or reduced-intensity conditioning (RIC) is the administration of a lower dose of chemotherapy that is sufficient to eradicate the hematopoietic cells but does not completely destroy the bone marrow. RIC regimens attempt to reduce adverse effects secondary to bone marrow toxicity and allow for relatively prompt hematopoietic recovery. Nonmyeloablative chemotherapy may also be referred to as RIC, “mini transplant” or “transplant lite”.

Donor Types:

- Allogeneic: From a third-party donor

Criteria:

All stem cell transplants will be reviewed by the medical director(s) and/or clinical advisor(s).

- HDC with allogeneic SCT for an individual with a genetic disease or acquired anemia is considered medically necessary with documentation of ALL of the following:

  1. **ONE** of the following:

     **Bone Marrow Failure Syndromes**:
     - Aplastic anemia including hereditary (including Fanconi anemia, dyskeratosis congenital, Schwartzman-Diamond, Diamond-Blackfan or acquired (e.g., secondary to drug or toxin exposure) forms.

     **Genetic Disorders Affecting Skeletal Tissue**:
     - Infantile malignant osteopetrosis-(Albers-Schonberg disease or marble bone disease)
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Criteria: (cont.)

- HDC with allogeneic SCT for an individual with a genetic disease or acquired anemia is considered medically necessary with documentation of ALL of the following: (cont.)

1. ONE of the following: (cont.)

   Hemoglobinopathies:
   - Homozygous beta-thalassemia (i.e., thalassemia major)
   - Sickle cell anemia

   Inherited Metabolic Disease:
   - Alpha-mannosidosis
   - Aspartylglucosaminuria
   - Cerebral X-linked adrenoleukodystrophy (childhood onset)
   - Farber lipogranulomatosis
   - Fucosidosis
   - Galactosialidosis
   - Gaucher types 1 and 3
   - GM1 gangliosidosis
   - Globoid-cell leukodystrophy
   - Hurler
   - Lysosomal and peroxisomal storage disorders
   - Maroteaux-Lamy
   - Metachromatic leukodystrophy
   - Mucolipidoses
   - Mucopolysaccharidoses (including Hunter, Sanfilippo, Morquio syndromes)
   - Mucolipidosis II (I-cell disease)
   - Multiple sulfatase deficiency
   - Neuronal ceroid lipofuscinosis
   - Niemann-Pick
   - Sly syndromes
   - Sialidosis
   - Wolman disease
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Criteria: (cont.)

- HDC with allogeneic SCT for an individual with a genetic disease or acquired anemia is considered medically necessary with documentation of ALL of the following: (cont.)

1. ONE of the following: (cont.)

   Lymphocyte Immunodeficiencies:
   - Adenosine deaminase deficiency
   - Artemis deficiency
   - Calcium channel deficiency
   - CD 40 ligand deficiency
   - Cernunnos/X-linked lymphoproliferative disease deficiency
   - CHARGE syndrome with immune deficiency
   - Common gamma chain deficiency
   - Deficiencies in CD 45, CD3, CD8
   - DiGeorge syndrome
   - DNA ligase IV
   - Interleukin-7 receptor alpha deficiency
   - Janus-associated kinase 3 (JAK3) deficiency
   - Major histocompatibility class II deficiency
   - Omenn syndrome
   - Purine nucleoside phosphorylase deficiency
   - Recombinase-activating gene (RAG) 1/2 deficiency
   - Reticular dysgenesis
   - Winged helix deficiency
   - Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome
   - X-linked lymphoproliferative disease
   - Zeta-chain-associated protein-70 (ZAP-70) deficiency

Phagocytic Deficiencies:
- Chediak-Higashi syndrome
- Chronic granulomatous disease
- Griscelli syndrome, type 2
- Hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis
- Interferon-gamma receptor deficiencies
- Leukocyte adhesion deficiency
- Severe congenital neutropenias
- Shwachman-Diamond syndrome
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Criteria: (cont.)

- HDC with allogeneic SCT for an individual with a genetic disease or acquired anemia is considered medically necessary with documentation of ALL of the following: (cont.)

1. ONE of the following: (cont.)

   Primary Immunodeficiencies:
   - Absent or defective T cell function (e.g., severe combined immunodeficiency, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome, X-linked lymphoproliferative syndrome)
   - Absent or defective natural killer function (e.g. Chédiak-Higashi syndrome)
   - Absent of defective neutrophil function (e.g. Kostmann syndrome, chronic granulomatous disease, leukocyte adhesion defect)

   Other Immunodeficiencies:
   - Autoimmune lymphoproliferative syndrome
   - Cartilage hair hypoplasia
   - CD25 deficiency
   - Hyper IgD and IgE syndromes
   - ICF syndrome
   - IPEX syndrome
   - NEMO deficiency
   - NF-κB inhibitor, alpha (IκB-alpha) deficiency
   - Nijmegen breakage syndrome

- SCT for an individual with a genetic disease or acquired anemia for all other indications not previously listed or if above criteria not met is considered experimental or investigational based upon:

1. Insufficient scientific evidence to permit conclusions concerning the effect on health outcomes, and
2. Insufficient evidence to support improvement of the net health outcome, and
3. Insufficient evidence to support improvement of the net health outcome as much as, or more than, established alternatives.

Although specific transplantation procedures may be considered experimental or investigational and therefore not eligible for coverage under standard medical benefits, these procedures may be eligible for coverage based upon Arizona Revised Statutes §20-2326 concerning Cancer Clinical Trials.
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Resources:

Literature reviewed 03/02/16. We do not include marketing materials, poster boards and non-published literature in our review.

The BCBS Association Medical Policy Reference Manual (MPRM) policy is included in our guideline review. References cited in the MPRM policy are not duplicated on this guideline.

Resources prior to 12/10/13 may be requested from the BCBSAZ Medical Policy and Technology Research Department.

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Multi-Language Interpreter Services:

Spanish: Si usted, o alguien a quien usted está ayudando, tiene preguntas acerca de Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona, tiene derecho a obtener ayuda e información en su idioma sin costo alguno. Para hablar con un intérprete, llame al 602-864-4884.

Navajo: Díí kwe’ é atah níilinígíí Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona haadá yít’éego bina’ídlíkidgo éí doodago Háida bíí aniyeedííí t’aadoo le’e yína’ídlíkidgo beehaz’ ááníí hóół díí t’aá hazaadke’ehí háká a’doowołgo bee haza’ doo bágí níilinígó. Atá’ halné’ígíí kojí bíchí’é hodiíliníí 877-475-4799.

Chinese: 如果您，或是您正在協助的對象，有關於插入項目的名稱 Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona 方面的問題，您有權利免費以您的母語得到幫助和訊息。洽詢一位翻譯員，請撥電話 在此插入數字 877-475-4799。

Vietnamese: Nếu quý vị, hay người mà quý vị đang giúp đỡ, có câu hỏi về Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona quý vị sẽ có quyền được giúp và có thêm thông tin bằng ngôn ngữ của mình miễn phí. Để nói chuyện với một thợ dịch viên, xin gọi 877-475-4799.

Arabic: إن كان لديك أو لدى شخص تساعده أسئلة بنحو موضوع الضرورية بلغتك من دون أي تكلفة. للتحدث مع مترجم اتصل ب 877-475-4799.
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Japanese: ご本人様、またはお客様の身の回りの方でも、Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizonaについてご質問がございましたら、ご希望の言語でサポートを受けたり、情報を入手したりすることができます。料金はかかりません。通訳とお話される場合、877-475-4799 までお電話ください。

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