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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.

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Description:

Angioplasty:
Passage of a catheter through the blood vessel to decrease obstruction and restore blood flow. Percutaneous transluminal angioplasty (PTA) uses a balloon tipped catheter which is inserted to the area of disease and then inflated to compress the plaque against the vessel wall. Other devices that can be attached to the catheter are a laser and rotating shaver to ‘open’ the vessel.

Endovascular Stent Placement:
Placement of a plastic or metal mesh tube into a blood vessel to maintain patency. Stent placement may be done following an angioplasty or as an alternative to an angioplasty.

Dissection:
A tear in the wall of the vessel causing blood to flow between the vessel wall layers.

Criteria:

For carotid artery angioplasty with or without endovascular stent placement, see BCBSAZ Medical Coverage Guideline #O710, “Carotid Artery Angioplasty”.

For endovascular procedures for intracranial arterial disease, see BCBSAZ Medical Coverage Guideline #O754, “Endovascular Procedures for Intracranial Arterial Disease”.

For endovascular stent grafts for abdominal aortic aneurysms, see BCBSAZ Medical Coverage Guideline #O751, “Endovascular Stent Grafts for Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms”.

For endovascular stent grafts for disorders of the thoracic aorta, see BCBSAZ Medical Coverage Guideline #O821, “Endovascular Stent Grafts for Disorders of the Thoracic Aorta”.
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Criteria: (cont.)

Brachiocephalic (Innominate) Artery:

- Angioplasty with or without endovascular stent placement for the treatment of stenosis/occlusion/dissection of the brachiocephalic artery is considered medically necessary.

Mesenteric or Celiac Artery:

Mesenteric or celiac artery angioplasty with or without endovascular stent placement will be reviewed by the medical director(s) and/or clinical advisor(s).

- Angioplasty of the mesenteric or celiac artery with or without endovascular stent placement for the treatment of chronic mesenteric ischemia is considered medically necessary with documentation of ALL of the following:
  1. Severe postprandial abdominal pain (also referred to as intestinal angina)
  2. Weight loss
  3. Gastrointestinal pathology excluded
  4. Celiac artery or superior mesenteric artery stenosis ≥70% and <100% by imaging (angiogram or MRA/CTA)
  5. Median arcuate ligament syndrome excluded
  6. High surgical risk due to significant medical comorbidity

Other Vasculature:

- Angioplasty with or without endovascular stent placement for the treatment of stenosis/occlusion/dissection is considered medically necessary for ANY of the following:
  1. Coronary artery
  2. Femoral artery
  3. Femoral, iliac and lliocaval veins
  4. Hepatic vein and/or Inferior/superior vena cava anastomotic stenosis after liver transplant
  5. Iliac artery
  6. Popliteal artery
  7. Pulmonary artery
  8. Renal artery
  9. Subclavian artery
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Criteria: (cont.)

Vertebral Artery:

- Angioplasty with or without endovascular stent placement for the treatment of stenosis/occlusion/dissection of the vertebral artery 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.

Resources:

Literature reviewed 06/19/18. 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.


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Resources: (cont.)

8. California Technology Assessment Forum. Percutaneous Coronary Intervention as an Alternative to Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting in Patients with Diabetes Mellitus and Multi-vessel Disease. Blue Shield of California Foundation. 03/06/2013.


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Resources: (cont.)


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Multi-Language Interpreter Services: (cont.)

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