Pregnancy termination 1 — Medically necessary or elective

We provide coverage for this procedure for adult BCN HMO members who meet medical necessity criteria. Submit authorization requests through the e-referral system.

The submitter will receive a prompt to complete a questionnaire to determine the appropriateness of the requested service. The questions are listed below.

If all questions are answered, e-referral will either approve or pend the case. If the case pends and we cannot authorize it, we will contact the provider for additional clinical information. Authorization is not a guarantee of payment.

Payment is based on established claim edits. We will retrospectively monitor compliance with this authorization requirement.


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See below for the questions you’ll encounter in the e-referral system.

Q: Is the request for a medically necessary abortion or elective abortion?

Possible answers: ☐ Medically necessary abortion ☐ Elective abortion

Q: For ELECTIVE abortions, is the patient in the first trimester (through the 13th week) of pregnancy?

Possible answers: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
For ELECTIVE abortions, has the patient had an abortion in the past 24 months?

Possible answers: □ Yes □ No □ N/A

For MEDICALLY NECESSARY abortions, does the patient's physical condition, in the physician's reasonable medical judgment, necessitate the termination of the pregnancy to prevent her death?

Possible answers: □ Yes □ No □ N/A

For MEDICALLY NECESSARY abortions, is the procedure necessary to increase the probability of a live birth?

Possible answers: □ Yes □ No □ N/A

For MEDICALLY NECESSARY abortions, is the procedure necessary to preserve the life or health of the child after live birth?

Possible answers: □ Yes □ No □ N/A

For MEDICALLY NECESSARY abortions, is the procedure necessary to remove a fetus that has died because of natural causes, accidental trauma or a criminal assault on the patient?

Possible answers: □ Yes □ No □ N/A
### Preview questionnaire:
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