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Ablation for Treatment of Renal (Kidney) Tumors

Also known as

- 1. Surgical ablation
- 2. Radiofrequency ablation
- 3. Cryosurgical ablation

Description

Renal tissue ablation is a treatment option to destroy tumor cells without the need to remove the kidney(s).

- Surgical ablation uses a laparoscope to remove small areas of tumor cells within the kidney.
- Radiofrequency ablation uses high-energy radio waves (ex: heat) applied through thin, needle-like probes.
- Cryosurgical ablation destroys the tumors by freezing them with a very cold metal probe.

Laparoscope or probe placement is generally guided by either ultrasound or CT scans.

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Commercial

Introduction

This section applies to all Commercial brands: Dean Health Plan (DHP), Mayo Medical Plan (MMP), Medica (including MHPS), and Prevea360.

Benefits (all except MMP)

Quote surgical benefits. Include physician, hospital, and anesthesia benefits.

• Clinic POS: Also quote office visit benefits when done in the clinic.

Mayo Medical Plan (MMP)

Quote surgical benefits. Include physician, hospital, and anesthesia benefits.

• Clinic POS: Also quote office visit benefits when done in the clinic.

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Government Programs

Introduction

This section applies to all Medicaid and Medicare products.

AccessAbility (SNBC),

Medicaid only groups:

• Refer to Medicaid below.

Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+)

Medicare eligible groups:

- Quote outpatient surgical or inpatient hospital benefits.
- Follows Medicare guidelines.
- Medicare is the primary payer.
- If no Medicare eligibility, Medicaid applies. Refer to Medicaid below.

AccessAbility Enhanced (I-SNBC),

Quote outpatient surgical or inpatient hospital benefits.

• Medica is the only payer.

DUAL (MSHO)

Cost (Prime)

Quote outpatient surgical or inpatient hospital benefits.

• Follows Medicare guidelines.

Med Advantage

Quote outpatient surgical or inpatient hospital benefits.

- Follows Medicare guidelines.
- Medica is the only payer.

Med Supp (Select, Signature)

Quote outpatient surgical or inpatient hospital benefits.

- Follows Medicare guidelines.
- Medicare supplement.
- Medicare is the primary payer.

Medicaid

Quote surgical benefits. Quote physician, hospital, and anesthesia benefits.

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Individual and Family Business (IFB)

Introduction

This section applies to all Individual and Family Business (IFB) brands: Dean Health Plan (DHP), Medica, Medica (formerly WellFirst), and Prevea360.

Benefits

Quote surgical benefits. Include physician, hospital, and anesthesia benefits.

• Clinic POS: Also quote office visit benefits when done in the clinic.

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