

Chemoembolization for Hepatic Tumors

Also known as

1. DEB-TACE (Drug-eluting beads transarterial chemoembolization)
2. TACE (Transarterial Chemoembolization)

Description

Chemoembolization for hepatic tumors is a treatment for hepatic (liver) cancer that is used as an alternative to conventional chemotherapy. It delivers the chemotherapy directly to the tumor followed by an embolic agent (small beads/microspheres) to trap the chemotherapy at the tumor site and block blood flow to the tumor, causing the tumor cells to die.

See also

Similar, related, or easily confused documents:

- [Pelvic Vein Embolization](#) - A surgical procedure used to block blood flow to the veins (ovarian and/or iliac), causing pelvic congestion.
- [Radioembolization for Hepatic Tumors](#) - A form of radiation therapy for inoperable hepatic (liver) tumors.

Commercial

A Coverage Policy titled *Chemoembolization for Hepatic Tumors* exists under [Providers/Policies and Guidelines/Coverage Policies](#) on medica.com.

- Procedure will be eligible if done for the “covered” indications found in the *Coverage Policy* section of the Policy.
- If performed for covered indications, procedure is covered under surgical benefits. Quote physician, hospital, and anesthesia benefits, as appropriate.
- If performed for investigative indications, this procedure will not be covered.

Individual and Family Business (IFB)

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National Accounts Member Services (NAMS)

A Medical Policy titled *Implantable Beta-Emitting Microspheres for Treatment of Malignant Tumors* exists on the [UnitedHealthcare Online website](#).

- The procedure may be listed separately in the group's iBAAG, and if so, quote coverage from that section.
 - If not listed separately, the procedure is covered under surgical benefits only if *Coverage Rational* in the policy satisfied. Quote physician, hospital, and anesthesia benefits, as appropriate. If *Coverage Rational* is not satisfied, the procedure is considered unproven and therefore not covered.
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Center for Healthy Aging (CHA)

Refer to the table below.

Plan	Coverage
Prime Solution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The procedure is covered under surgical benefits.• This is a cost-sharing plan.• Follows Medicare guidelines.• Provider needs to bill per guidelines found in the Medicare Product Grid (look for the <i>Product Grid – Medicare</i> documents).• Reminder: These members can see providers outside of the Medica Service Area (MSA) and receive in-network (INN) benefits. Refer to Out-of-MSA Benefits (Prime Solution) for details.
Select Solution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The procedure is covered under surgical benefits.• This is a true Medicare supplement plan. Medicare will be the primary payer.• Follows Medicare guidelines.

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Care Coordination Products (CCP)

Refer to the table below.

Plan	Coverage
AccessAbility/ SNBC	For Medicaid only groups : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to State Public Programs (SPP) below.
MSC+/ Minnesota Senior Care Plus	For Medicare eligible groups : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The procedure is covered under surgical benefits. Medicare is the primary payer. Follows Medicare guidelines. If no Medicare eligibility, Medicaid benefits apply instead. Refer to State Public Programs (SPP) below.
Dual Solution/ MSHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Coverage Policy titled <i>Chemoembolization for Hepatic Tumors</i> exists under Providers/Policies and Guidelines/Coverage Policies on medica.com. The procedure will be eligible if done for the “covered” indications found in the <i>Coverage Policy</i> section of the Policy. If performed for covered indications, the procedure is covered under surgical benefits. If performed for investigative indications, the procedure is not covered. Medica is the only payer.

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State Public Programs (SPP)

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Document history

Document history outlined below.

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7.5.16	BIC re-review.
4.10.17	Added <i>See also</i> with link to new A-Z sheet.
