

Chelation Therapy

Description

Chelation therapy is the administration of a drug to reduce the accumulation of potentially dangerous levels of essential metal ions, such as iron, that accumulate in organs and tissues. Chelating agents can be administered intravenously, subcutaneously, intramuscularly, or orally.

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Commercial

Introduction	<p>This section applies to all Commercial brands: Dean Health Plan (DHP), Mayo Medical Plan (MMP), Medica (including MHPS), and Prevea360.</p>								
Benefits (all except MMP)	<p>Quote office visit, outpatient hospital, or Home IV Therapy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medica DOS prior to 1.1.24: A Drug Management Policy, <i>Chelation Therapy</i>, applied.<ul style="list-style-type: none">– DOS prior to 1.1.24 may deny if criteria in policy not meet.								
Mayo Medical Plan (MMP)	<p>Quote office visit, outpatient hospital, or Home IV Therapy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medica DOS prior to 1.1.24: A Drug Management Policy, <i>Chelation Therapy</i>, applied.<ul style="list-style-type: none">– DOS prior to 1.1.24 may deny if criteria in policy not meet.								
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Government Programs

Introduction	This section applies to all Medicaid and Medicare products.								
AccessAbility (SNBC), Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+)	<p>Medicaid only groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• See Medicaid below. <p>Medicare eligible groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not eligible for coverage under Medicare.• Follows Medicare guidelines.• Medicare is the primary payer.• If no Medicare eligibility, Medicaid applies. See Medicaid below.								
AccessAbility Enhanced (I-SNBC), DUAL (MSHO)	<p>Quote office visit, outpatient hospital, or Home IV Therapy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DOS prior to 1.1.24: A Drug Management Policy, <i>Chelation Therapy</i>, applied.<ul style="list-style-type: none">– DOS prior to 1.1.24 may deny if criteria in policy not meet.• Medica is the only payer.								
Cost (Prime)	<p>Not eligible for coverage under Medicare.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Follows Medicare guidelines.								
Med Advantage	<p>Professionally administered drugs pull multiple benefits. It is important to quote ALL benefits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drug administration: Quote office visit or Home IV Therapy benefits.• Injection (J-code): Quote <i>Part B Prescription Drugs</i> in the EOC.• DOS prior to 1.1.24: A Drug Management Policy, <i>Chelation Therapy</i>, applied.<ul style="list-style-type: none">– DOS prior to 1.1.24 may deny if criteria in policy not meet.• Follows Medicare guidelines.• Medica is the only payer.								
Med Supp (Select, Signature)	<p>Not eligible for coverage under Medicare.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Follows Medicare guidelines.• Medicare supplement.• Medicare is the primary payer.								
Medicaid	<p>Quote office visit, outpatient hospital, or Home IV Therapy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DOS prior to 1.1.24: A Drug Management Policy, <i>Chelation Therapy</i>, applied.<ul style="list-style-type: none">– DOS prior to 1.1.24 may deny if criteria in policy not meet.								
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Individual and Family Business (IFB)

Introduction	<p>This section applies to all Individual and Family Business (IFB) brands: Dean Health Plan (DHP), Medica, Medica (formerly WellFirst), and Prevea360.</p>								
Benefits	<p>Quote office visit, outpatient hospital, or Home IV Therapy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•• Medica DOS prior to 1.1.24: A Drug Management Policy, <i>Chelation Therapy</i>, applied.<ul style="list-style-type: none">– DOS prior to 1.1.24 may deny if criteria in policy not meet.								
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