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Autopsy

Also known as

- 1. Autopsia cadaverum
- 2. Necropsy
- 3. Obduction
- 4. Post mortem examination

Description

Autopsy is a highly specialized surgical procedure that consists of a thorough examination of a corpse to determine the cause and manner of death and to evaluate any disease or injury that may be present. An autopsy can consist of an external autopsy (the deceased is examined, fingerprinted, and photographed but not opened; blood and fluid samples are taken), an external and partial internal autopsy (the deceased is opened but only affected organs are removed and examined), or a full external and internal autopsy.

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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)

Contract exclusion, not covered.

• Court order: Even if the autopsy is court ordered, it is not covered under the medical plan.

Mayo Medical Plan (MMP)

Contract exclusion, not covered.

• Court order: Even if the autopsy is court ordered, it is not covered under the medical plan.

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Government Programs

Introduction

This section applies to all Medicaid and Medicare products.

AccessAbility (SNBC),

Medicaid only groups:

• See Medicaid below.

Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+)

Medicare eligible groups:

- Contract exclusion, not covered.
- Court order: Even if the autopsy is court ordered, it is not covered under the medical plan.
- Follows Medicare guidelines.
- Medicare is the primary payer.
- If no Medicare eligibility, Medicaid applies. See Medicaid below.

AccessAbility Enhanced (I-SNBC),

Contract exclusion, not covered.

- Court order: Even if the autopsy is court ordered, it is not covered under the medical plan.
- Medica is the only payer.

Cost (Prime)

DUAL (MSHO)

Contract exclusion, not covered.

- Court order: Even if the autopsy is court ordered, it is not covered under the medical plan.
- Follows Medicare guidelines.

Med Advantage

Contract exclusion, not covered.

- Court order: Even if the autopsy is court ordered, it is not covered under the medical plan.
- Follows Medicare guidelines.
- Medica is the only payer.

Med Supp (Select, Signature)

Contract exclusion, not covered.

- Court order: Even if the autopsy is court ordered, it is not covered under the medical plan.
- Follows Medicare guidelines.
- Medicare supplement.
- Medicare is the primary payer.

Medicaid

Contract exclusion, not covered.

• Court order: Even if the autopsy is court ordered, it is not covered under the medical plan.

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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

Contract exclusion, not covered.

• Court order: Even if the autopsy is court ordered, it is not covered under the medical plan.

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