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### **Barium Swallow**

#### Also known as

- 1. Swallow Study
- 2. Cine esophagram
- 3. Upper gastrointestinal series

#### Description

Barium Swallow is an X-ray exam of the upper gastrointestinal (GI) tract (esophagus, stomach, and the upper small intestine) taken during and after a patient swallows a barium sulfate solution. It is used to define the anatomy of the upper GI tract. The test is often used to diagnose disorders that make swallowing difficult or affect the upper GI tract.

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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 X-ray/imaging benefits. When done in a facility, also quote facility benefits.

• Contrast: A contrast material injection may be required. If billed, covered under the same benefits.

# Mayo Medical Plan (MMP)

Quote X-ray/imaging benefits. When done in a facility, also quote facility benefits.

• Contrast: A contrast material injection may be required. If billed, covered under the same benefits.

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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:

- Quote X-ray/imaging benefits.
- Contrast: A contrast material injection may be required. If billed, covered under the same benefits.
- Follows Medicare guidelines.
- Medicare is the primary payer.
- If no Medicare eligibility, Medicaid applies. See Medicaid below.

#### AccessAbility Enhanced (I-SNBC),

Quote X-ray/imaging benefits.

- Contrast: A contrast material injection may be required. If billed, covered under the same benefits.
- Medica is the only payer.

### Cost (Prime)

**DUAL (MSHO)** 

Quote outpatient diagnostic tests and therapeutic services and supplies.

- Contrast: A contrast material injection may be required. If billed, covered under the same benefits.
- Follows Medicare guidelines.

#### **Med Advantage**

Quote outpatient diagnostic tests and therapeutic services and supplies.

- Contrast: A contrast material injection may be required. If billed, covered under the same benefits.
- Follows Medicare guidelines.
- Medica is the only payer.

#### Med Supp (Select, Signature)

Quote X-ray/imaging benefits.

- Contrast: A contrast material injection may be required. If billed, covered under the same benefits.
- Follows Medicare guidelines.
- Medicare supplement.
- Medicare is the primary payer.

### Medicaid

Quote X-ray/imaging benefits. When done in a facility, also quote facility benefits.

• Contrast: A contrast material injection may be required. If billed, covered under the same 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 outpatient X-rays and imaging service in an office or hospital. When done in a facility, also quote facility benefits.

• Contrast: A contrast material injection may be required. If billed, covered under the same benefits.

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