

Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy

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Highmark Health Options medical policy is intended to serve only as a general reference resource regarding coverage for the services described. This policy does not constitute medical advice and is not intended to govern or otherwise influence medical decisions.

POLICY PURPOSE

Highmark Health Options may provide coverage under the medical-surgical benefits of the Company's Medicaid products for medically necessary hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT) services for specific medical conditions.

This policy is designed to address medical necessity guidelines that are appropriate for the majority of individuals with a particular disease, illness or condition. Each person's unique clinical circumstances warrant individual consideration, based upon review of applicable medical records.

The qualifications of the policy will meet the standards of the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) and the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) and all applicable state and federal regulations.

DEFINITIONS

Highmark Health Options (HHO) – Managed care organization serving vulnerable populations that have complex needs and qualify for Medicaid. Highmark Health Options members include individuals and families with low income, expecting mothers, children, and people with disabilities. Members pay nothing to very little for their health coverage. Highmark Health Options currently serves Delaware Medicaid: Delaware Healthy Children Program (DHCP) and Diamond State Health Plan and Health Plan Plus members.

Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBO) – A procedure that delivers higher pressures of oxygen to the tissues.

HBO therapy may be considered medically necessary for ANY of the following:

- Actinomycosis refractory to antibiotics and surgical treatment; or
- Anemia with exceptional blood loss; or
- Carbon monoxide intoxication (acute); or
- Chronic refractory osteomyelitis; or

- Crush injuries and suturing of severed limbs, when loss of function, limb or life is threatened; or
- Cyanide poisoning; or
- Decompression illness; or
- Gas embolism; or
- Gas gangrene; or
- Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) meeting ALL the following:
 - Severe fistulizing disease; and
 - Disease progression of Crohn’s, ulcerative colitis, or pouchitis, despite being on maximal medical therapy indicated by use of at least two separate classes of a biological agent in combination with an immunomodulator, unless the individual is unable to tolerate a particular class of medication; and
 - Individual is established with an IBD specialist and the IBD specialist attests no other therapies will be beneficial; or
- Necrotizing fasciitis; or
- Osteoradionecrosis as an adjunct to conventional treatment; or
- Peripheral arterial insufficiency (acute); or
- Preparation and preservation of compromised skin grafts; or
 - This is not intended to cover preparation for an initial skin graft. Coverage is limited to attempts to preserve an existing skin graft which is compromised (i.e., showing signs of failure or rejection, dying tissue, etc.).
- Soft tissue radionecrosis as an adjunct to conventional treatment (e.g., radiation enteritis, cystitis, proctitis); or
- Traumatic peripheral ischemia (acute), when loss of function, limb, or life is threatened; or
- Prophylactic pre-and post-treatment for member undergoing dental surgery of a radiated jaw.

For any indication not listed in the coverage criteria above, HBO therapy is considered experimental/investigational and therefore noncovered. Scientific evidence does not support the efficacy and safety.

HBO therapy may be considered medically necessary for the treatment of diabetic wounds of the lower extremities in individuals who meet EITHER of the following criteria:

- Has Type I or Type II diabetes and has a lower extremity wound that is due to diabetes; or
- Has a wound classified as Wagner grade III or higher; and
- Has failed an adequate course of standard wound therapy:
 - The use of HBO therapy will be covered as an adjunctive therapy after there are no measurable signs of healing for greater than or equal to 30 days of treatment with standard wound therapy and must be used in addition to standard wound care. Failure to respond to standard wound care occurs when there are no measurable signs of healing for greater than or equal to 30 consecutive days. Wounds must be evaluated every 30 days during administration of HBO therapy. Continued treatment with HBO treatment is not covered if measurable signs of healing have not been demonstrated within a 30-day treatment period.

Wagner Classification of Diabetic Foot Ulcer

Grade 0	No ulcer in a high risk foot.
Grade 1	Superficial ulcer involving the full skin thickness but not underlying tissues.

Grade 2	Deep ulcer, penetrating down to ligaments and muscle, but no bone involvement or abscess formation.
Grade 3	Deep ulcer with cellulitis or abscess formation, often with osteomyelitis.
Grade 4	Localized gangrene.
Grade 5	Extensive gangrene involving the whole foot.

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PROCEDURE CODES

Table	Style
99183	Physician Or Other Qualified Health Care Professional Attendance And Supervision Of Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy, Per Session.

Diagnosis Codes

Codes				
A42.0	A42.1	A42.2	A42.9	A42.81
A42.82	A42.89	A48.0	B47.1	B47.9
B78.1	D50.0	D62	E08.52	E08.621
E08.622	E09.52	E09.621	E09.622	E10.52
E10.59	E10.69	E10.618	E10.620	E10.621
E10.622	E10.628	E10.630	E10.638	E11.52
E11.59	E11.69	E11.621	E11.622	E11.628
E11.630	E11.638	E13.51	E13.52	E13.59
E13.69	E13.618	E13.621	E13.622	E13.628
E13.630	E13.638	E83.2	I70.231	I70.232
I70.233	I70.234	I70.235	I70.238	I70.239
I70.241	I70.242	I70.243	I70.244	I70.245
I70.248	I70.249	I70.331	I70.332	I70.333
I70.334	I70.335	I70.338	I70.339	I70.341
I70.342	I70.343	I70.344	I70.345	I70.348
I70.349	I70.361	I70.362	I70.363	I70.368
I70.369	I70.431	I70.432	I70.433	I70.434
I70.435	I70.438	I70.439	I70.441	I70.442
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I70.733	I70.734	I70.735	I70.738	I70.739
I70.741	I70.742	I70.743	I70.744	I70.745
I70.748	I70.749	I73.1	I73.9	I73.00
I73.01	I73.81	I73.89	I74.2	I74.3
I74.4	I74.5	I79.8	I96	K50.013
K50.018	K50.019	K50.113	K50.118	K50.119
K50.813	K50.818	K50.819	K50.913	K50.918
K50.919	K51.513	K51.514	K51.518	K51.519
K51.811	K51.812	K51.813	K51.814	K51.818
K51.819	K51.911	K51.912	K51.913	K51.914
K51.918	K51.919	K52.0	K62.7	K91.850
K91.858	L08.0	L08.1	L08.9	L08.81
L08.89	L59.8	L59.9	L88	L92.8
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L97.109	L97.111	L97.112	L97.113	L97.114
L97.118	L97.119	L97.121	L97.122	L97.123
L97.124	L97.128	L97.129	L97.201	L97.202
L97.203	L97.204	L97.208	L97.209	L97.211
L97.212	L97.213	L97.214	L97.218	L97.219
L97.221	L97.222	L97.223	L97.224	L97.228
L97.229	L97.301	L97.302	L97.303	L97.304
L97.308	L97.309	L97.311	L97.312	L97.313
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M86.8X1	M86.8X2	M86.8X3	M86.8X4	M86.8X5
M86.8X6	M86.8X7	M86.8X8	M86.8X9	M86.9
M86.00	M86.08	M86.09	M86.10	M86.18
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T87.0X2	T87.0X9	T87.1X1	T87.1X2	T87.1X9
T87.2				

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