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# SHP Fecal Bacteriotherapy

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## Coverage

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See the appropriate benefit document for specific coverage determination. Member specific benefits take precedence over medical policy.

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## Application to Products

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Policy is applicable to all products.

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## Authorization Requirements

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Pre-certification by the Plan is required.

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## Description of Item or Service

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Fecal Bacteriotherapy is the transferring of healthy bacteria from donors' stool to a recipient's intestines to restore balance of bacteria needed for the immune system to fight infection.

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## Exceptions and Limitations

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- There is insufficient scientific evidence to support the medical necessity of fecal bacteriotherapy as it is not shown to improve health outcomes upon technology review for all of the following:
  - Alcoholic hepatitis
  - Alzheimer's disease
  - Autoimmune cholangiopathies (e.g., primary biliary cholangitis and primary sclerosing cholangitis)
  - Colon cancer
  - Crohn's disease
  - D-lactic acidosis

- Diabetes
  - Functional gastro-intestinal disorders (e.g., functional constipation, functional diarrhea, and functional dyspepsia)
  - Gastro-intestinal dysbiosis
  - Graft-versus-host disease of the gut
  - Hepatic steatosis
  - HIV infection
  - Idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura
  - Inflammatory bowel diseases
  - Irritable bowel syndrome
  - Insulin resistance
  - Intestinal multidrug-resistant bacterial decolonization
  - Metabolic syndrome
  - Multiple sclerosis
  - Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease
  - Obesity
  - Parkinson's disease
  - Pouchitis
  - Slow transit constipation
  - Ulcerative colitis
  - Urinary tract infection
- There is insufficient scientific evidence to support the medical necessity of Fecal Bacteriotherapy for uses other than those listed in the clinical indications for procedure section.

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## Clinical Indications for Procedure

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- Fecal bacteriotherapy is considered medically necessary for **ALL** of the following
  - Individual with recurrent/drug resistant Clostridium Difficile
- Fecal Bacteriotherapy is **NOT COVERED** for **ANY** of the following
  - Alcoholic hepatitis
  - Alzheimer's disease
  - Autoimmune cholangiopathies (e.g., primary biliary cholangitis and primary sclerosing cholangitis)
  - Colon cancer
  - Crohn's disease
  - D-lactic acidosis
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- Revised Dates:
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## Coding Information

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- CPT/HCPCS codes covered if policy criteria is met:
  - CPT 44705 - Preparation of fecal microbiota for instillation, including assessment of donor specimen
  - HCPCS G0455 - Preparation with instillation of fecal microbiota by any method, including assessment of donor specimen
- CPT/HCPCS codes considered not medically necessary per this Policy:
  - None

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