

## Chromoendoscopy

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### Purpose:

This policy addresses the medical necessity of Chromoendoscopy.

### Description & Definitions:

Chromoendoscopy is the application of dyes, stains or color projections during an endoscopy or colonoscopy to visualize the gastrointestinal tract and provide detailed contrast enhancement of the mucous membranes and blood vessels.

### Criteria:

Chromoendoscopy is considered not medically necessary for any indication.

### Coding:

Medically necessary with criteria:

Coding	Description
	None

Considered Not Medically Necessary:

Coding	Description
44799	Unlisted procedure, small intestine

U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) - approved only products only.

### Document History:

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- 2019: September

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- 2016: January, March, April
- 2015: April, June, December
- 2014: March
- 2013: May
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- 2010: May
- 2009: April
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- 2005: June
- 2004: February, May

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- 2024: February
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- 2020: February
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- 2017: November
- 2016: June
- 2011: April
- 2010: April
- 2005: May
- 2003: December

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### Special Notes: \*

This medical policy expresses Sentara Health Plan's determination of medical necessity of services, and they are based upon a review of currently available clinical information. Medical policies are not a substitute for clinical judgment or for any prior authorization requirements of the health plan. These policies are not an explanation of benefits.

Medical policies can be highly technical and complex and are provided here for informational purposes. These medical policies are intended for use by health care professionals. The medical policies do not constitute medical advice or medical care. Treating health care professionals are solely responsible for diagnosis, treatment and medical advice. Sentara Health Plan members should discuss the information in the medical policies with their treating health care professionals. Medical technology is constantly evolving and these medical policies are subject to change without notice, although Sentara Health Plan will notify providers as required in advance of changes that could have a negative impact on benefits.

### Keywords:

SHP Chromoendoscopy, SHP Medical 81, endoscopy, smartpill, chromoendoscopy, swallow, device, capsule endoscopy, small intestine, digestive tract, Crohn's, inflammatory bowel disease, IBD, gastrointestinal bleeding, gastrointestinal polyposis syndromes, adenomatous polyposis, Peutz-Jeghers syndrome, Celiac disease, esophageal varices, locoregional carcinoid tumors, small bowel, Wireless capsule endoscopy, SHP Medical 283, chromoendoscopy, electronic chromoendoscopy [Fujinon intelligent color enhancement (FICE), Flexible spectral imaging color enhancement], confocal laser (fluorescent) endomicroscopy, fiberoptic analysis, multi-band imaging and narrow-band imaging, and i-SCAN, Virtual Chromoendoscopy, chromoscopy, electronic chromoendoscopy, chromocolonoscopy, dye-based chromoendoscopy/chromoscopy