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SHP Elective Termination of Pregnancy

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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.

Application to Products

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- This policy is applicable to all products except Virginia Medicaid FAMIS members but is dependent on benefit coverage which takes precedence over the medical policy.
- Induced abortions are not payable for Virginia Medicaid FAMIS members. For FAMIS members, the provider should bill DMAS directly.
- NOTE: This policy does not apply to removal of products of conception due to fetal demise.

Authorization Requirements

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- Pre-certification by the Plan is required.

Description of Item or Service

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Elective termination of pregnancy is a procedure that ends a pregnancy by removing the fetus before the fetus is considered viable.

Exceptions and Limitations

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- There is insufficient scientific evidence to support the medical necessity of this procedure for uses other than those listed in the clinical indications for procedure section.

Clinical Indications for Procedure

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- Elective termination of pregnancy is considered medically necessary for **1 or more** of the following :
 - Individual has Optima Medicare Plan with **1 or more** of the following
 - The termination of pregnancy has been approved by an Optima Medical Director
 - Termination of pregnancy is due to **1 or more** of the following
 - The pregnancy is the result of an act of rape or incest
 - In the case where a woman suffers from a physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness, including a life-endangering physical condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself, that would, as certified by a physician, place the woman in danger of death unless an abortion is performed
 - Individual has Optima Virginia Medicaid Plan and **ALL** of the following
 - The termination of pregnancy has been approved by an Optima Medical Director
 - There would be a substantial danger to the life of the mother.
 - Individual has Optima Commercial Plan with **1 or more** of the following
 - Individual is in the first trimester and has **ALL** of the following
 - Individual has benefit coverage
 - Individual is over first trimester gestation and has **ALL** of the following
 - The individual or fetus have **1 or more** of the following
 - The life of the mother would be endangered if the fetus were carried to term
 - There is documented evidence of major fetal organ abnormalities
 - The abortion has been approved by an Optima Medical Director
 - Individual is subsequent to the second trimester of pregnancy with **ALL** of the following
 - Three physicians agree the continuation of the pregnancy is likely to result in the death of the individual or substantially and irretrievably impair the mental or physical health of the individual.

Document History

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- Revised Dates:
 - 2023: March
 - 2022: June
 - 2021: July
 - 2020: January
 - 2019: October
 - 2016: April
 - 2015: August
 - 2014: July
 - 2012: March
 - 2008: August
- Reviewed Dates:
 - 2020: August
 - 2019: May
 - 2018: April
 - 2013: July
 - 2012: July
 - 2011: August
 - 2010: August
 - 2009: August
- Effective Date: December 2007

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- CPT/HCPCS codes covered if policy criteria is met:
 - NOTE: This policy does not apply to removal of products of conception due to fetal demise. The procedure for an elective and non-elective termination of pregnancy are the same. Ensure the service is an elective before utilizing this policy.
 - CPT 59840 - Induced abortion, by dilation and curettage.
 - CPT 59841 - Induced abortion, by dilation and evacuation.
 - CPT 59850 - Induced abortion, by 1 or more intra-amniotic injections (amniocentesis injections), including hospital admission and visits, delivery of fetus and secundines;
 - CPT 59851 - Induced abortion, by 1 or more intra-amniotic injections (amniocentesis injections), including hospital admission and visits, delivery of fetus and secundines; with dilation and curettage and/or evacuation.
 - CPT 59852 - Induced abortion, by 1 or more intra-amniotic injections (amniocentesis injections), including hospital admission and visits, delivery of fetus and secundines; with hysterotomy (failed intra-amniotic injection)
 - CPT 59855 - Induced abortion, by one or more vaginal suppositories (eg, prostaglandin) with or without cervical dilation (eg, laminaria), including hospital admission and visits, delivery of fetus and secundines;
 - CPT 59856 - Induced abortion, by one or more vaginal suppositories (eg, prostaglandin) with or without cervical dilation (eg, laminaria), including hospital admission and visits, delivery of fetus and secundines; with dilation and curettage and/or evacuation;
 - CPT 59857 - Induced abortion, by one or more vaginal suppositories (eg, prostaglandin) with or without cervical dilation (eg, laminaria), including hospital admission and visits, delivery of fetus and secundines; with hysterotomy (failed medical evacuation)
 - CPT 59866 - Multifetal pregnancy reduction(s) (MPR)
 - HCPCS S0199 - Medically induced abortion by oral ingestion of medication including all associated services and supplies (e.g., patient counseling, office visits, confirmation of pregnancy by HCG, ultrasound to confirm duration of pregnancy, ultrasound to confirm completion of abortion) except drugs
- CPT/HCPCS codes considered not medically necessary per this Policy:
 - NONE

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