List of Investigational Procedures

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Definition
Health Net considers as Experimental or Investigational if it meets any of the following:

- It is currently the subject of active and credible evaluation (e.g., clinical trials or research) to determine:
  - clinical efficacy,
  - therapeutic value or beneficial effects on health outcomes, or
  - benefits beyond any established medical based alternative.

- It is the subject of an active and credible evaluation and does not have final clearance from applicable governmental regulatory bodies (such as the US Food and Drug Administration “FDA”) and unrestricted market approval for use in the treatment of a specified medical condition or the condition for which authorization of the Service is requested.

- The most recent peer-reviewed scientific studies published or accepted for publication by nationally recognized medical journals do not conclude, or are inconclusive in finding, that the Service is safe and effective for the treatment if the condition for which authorization of the Service is requested.

Acoustic heart sound recording, computer analysis and interpretation
Acoustic rhinometry
Active Specific Immunotherapy with Therapeutic Melanoma Vaccines
Aerosolized Anti-infective Treatment for Sinusitis (AdhesENT)
AMPLIFY Recombinant Human Bone Morphogenetic Protein (rhBMP-2) Matrix
Angiotensin Receptor 1 (AGTR1) c.*86A>C (1166A>C, A1166C) Polymorphism testing for evaluation of hypertension in symptomatic patients
Angiotensin Receptor 1 (AGTR1) c.*86A>C (1166A>C, A1166C) Polymorphism testing for evaluation of hypertension risk in asymptomatic individuals
Anticonvulsants in the treatment of posttraumatic stress disorder
Applied Kinesiology
Apostherapy as a medical program for the treatment of various orthopedic conditions
ARISk Autism Risk Assessment Test
Aromatherapy
Art Therapy
ATI Neurostimulation System for Electrical Stimulation of the Sphenopalatine Ganglion for Headache
Autologous serum eyedrops for initial treatment of dry eye syndrome
Automated whole breast ultrasound (e.g., somo-v Automated Breast Ultrasound System) as a screening tool
Axial lumbar interbody fusion (AxiaLIF)
Ayurveda

BeScreened CRC test
Biochemical markers of Alzheimer's disease
Bioenergetic therapy
Bioimpedance for assessment of lymphedema
Biological terrain assessment
Biomagnetic Therapy, Bioelectromagnetic Therapy
Biomet Signature System
Blood-brain barrier disruption for treatment of malignant brain tumors
Blood product injections for tendonopathies
Body Restoration Technique
Brachytherapy of the femoralpopliteal arterial system
Bracing for the treatment of asymptomatic pectus carinatum (e.g., T-Joe brace, WPC compressor)
Breast Elastography
BreastNextNext-Gen Cancer Panel
Breast reduction for reduction of breast cancer risk
BREVAGen

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Cancell (Entelev)
CancerIntercept Detect
CancerIntercept Monitor
CancerNext Next-Gen Cancer Panel
Carbogen therapy
Cardiac Contractility Modulation Therapy
Carotid Artery Intimal-Medial Thickness
Cautery-Assisted Palatal Stiffening (CAPSO)
Cefaly device for migraines
Cellular therapy
Chronic Intermittent Intravenous Insulin Therapy (CIIIT), (also know as hepatic activation therapy, metabolic activation therapy, pulse insulin therapy, and pulsatile intravenous insulin therapy)
CMI Magnetocardiograph Model 2409 (CardioMag Imaging Inc.) for Diagnosis of Acute Chest Pain
CO2 laser for the treatment of breast cancer
Collagen and Procollagen analysis for screening, diagnosis or management of any disease affecting bone formation or resorption
Collagen nerve conduit
Color Doppler for breast cancer screening
Color Doppler for prostate cancer (CDI-TRUS)
Comprehensive Urine Elements Profile
Computer-Aided Semen Analysis (CASA) for the Diagnosis of Male Infertility
Computer assisted orthopedic surgery
Computerized Dynamic Posturography
Conexa Reconstructive Matrix
Confocal Microendoscopy (e.g. Cell-viZio, image enhanced endoscopy)
Continuous Rotation Therapy for Patients with Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (e.g. RotoRest bed, Effica bed)
Convection-enhanced drug delivery for breast cancer
CorMatrix pericardial patch
Corneal hysteresis determination by air impulse stimulation (e.g. ocular response analyzer)
Cranial electrotherapy stimulation (Alpha Stim 100, Alpha Stim SCS)
Craniosacral therapy
Craniosynostosis NGS Panel and/or HDT array (Connective Tissue Gene Tests)
Cryoablation of sural nerve
Cryoangioplasty of the femoral-popliteal arteries
Cunningham Panel (Moleculera Labs)
Current Perception Threshold Testing/Sensory Nerve Conduction Threshold
Custom (personalized) knee replacement

Digital Mole Mapping
Devices for annular repair (e.g., Xclose Tissue Repair System)
DNA banking/storage
Decompression System
Dry needle stimulation
Ductal Lavage for Breast Cancer
Dune Margin Probe
Dynamic spinal visualization (not medically necessary)

Early CDT-Lung Risk Assessment Test (Oncimmune)
Electrical impedance scan of the breast
Electromagnetic navigational bronchoscopy
Electromagnetic therapy in healing of pressure sores
Electrical stimulation for:
  - Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis
  - Dyspareunia
  - Dysphagia
  - Facial nerve palsy
  - Tinnitus
Electrocardiographic Body Surface Mapping
Electrothermal coagulation of knee, wrist, ankle and elbow joints (thermal shrinkage)
ENDURAGen
Enzyme-potentiated desensitization
epiSEEK Comprehensive Sequence Analysis for Epilepsy and Seizure Disorders
E-tegrity Test for Evaluation of Uterine Receptivity
eVox system (Evoke Neuroscience)
Exhaled Breath Condensate pH Testing for Asthma Management
Extracorporeal liver assist device (ELAD)
Extracorporeal shock wave therapy (ESWT) for Peyronie’s disease

Fecal analysis for diagnosis of intestinal dysbiosis
Functional anesthetic discography

Galvanic stimulation devices
Gene expression profiling for cancers of unknown origin
Genetic Testing for Capillary Malformation-Arteriovenous Malformation Syndrome (CMAVM)
Genetic testing for classic Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (EDS)
Genetic testing for Generalized Epilepsy with Febrile Seizures Plus (unless for Dravet Syndrome)
Genetic testing for isolated autosomal dominant thrombocytopenia.
Genetic testing for narcolepsy
Genetic testing for Oculofaciocardiodental (OFCD) Syndrome (Syndromic Microphthalmia 2; MCOPS2)
Genetic Testing for Parkinson Disease
Genetic testing for Nonsyndromic Peripheral Pulmonary Stenosis; PPS for Nonsyndromic Peripheral Pulmonary Stenosis
Genetic testing for SCN9A-Related Inherited Erythromelalgia
Genetic testing for sequence variants and deletions/duplications in the COL2A1, COL11A1, COL11A2, COL9A1, and COL9A2 gene in individuals with a suspected diagnosis of Stickler syndrome, and to detect the presence or absence of a familial variant in an at-risk asymptomatic relative of an individual with Stickler syndrome.
Gene Testing for von Willebrand Disease
GenoType IL-1 testing for periodontal disease
Genotyping for statin associated myopathy (ie SLCO1B1)
Gerson Therapy (Metabolic Therapy, Kelley's treatment, Gonzalez treatment, Issels whole body therapy)

Hair analysis (except for diagnosis of heavy metal poisoning)
Healthy Weight DNA Insight
Hellerwork
HemiCap patello-femoral resurfacing system (Knee joint patello-femoral resurfacing prosthesis)
Hepatic dialysis
High powered therapeutic laser therapy for pain (K-Laser)
Hippotherapy (Equestrian Therapy)
Histamine desensitization therapy for headaches
Hivamat Therapy
Home monitoring of pulmonary function unless post lung transplant
H-Wave electrical stimulation device for home use
Hydrodiscectomy (e.g., Spinejet HydroSurgery system)
IBD sgi Diagnostic Test for Inflammatory Bowel Disease
ileoinguinal nerve entrapment
Ilizarov technique for the treatment of short stature (cosmetic)
Immunoaugmentive therapy
Infrared light therapy (Anodyne Therapy) for treatment of pain or neuropathy
intraepithelial lesions (HSIL) with anal carcinoma
Injection snoreplasty for the treatment of obstructive sleep apnea
Interferential current therapy, interferential stimulation
Interspinous Process Decompression System (X-Stop, Coflex Interlaminar Stabilization Device)
ImmuKnow
Iontophoresis for Epicondylitis
Insulin-like growth factor receptor (IGF-IR) for cancer treatment
Interstitial hyperthermia for malignant brain tumor
Intravascular near infrared spectroscopy (e.g. LipiScan Coronary Imaging System, InfraReDx)
Intravenous Vitamin C injection for treatment of cancer

JaundiceChip Resequencing Array

Live Blood Cell Analysis
Lokomat (Hocoma AG) Driven Gait Orthosis (DGO) for Use in Children with Cerebral Palsy
Laser ablation (Interstitial Laser Coagulation) for treatment of localized breast cancer
Laser photocoagulation for macular drusen
Laser prostatectomy for prostate cancer
Laser treatment of onychomycosis
Laser vitreolysis for treatment of vitreous floaters of the eye
Low Level Laser therapy for pain
Low pressure pulse generator (Meniett Pressure Therapy)

Macula Risk PGx Test
MAKOplasty Total Hip Arthroplasty using the Robotic Arm Interactive Orthopedic System
MAKOplasty Partial Knee Resurfacing using the Robotic Arm Interactive Orthopedic System
Megavitamin Therapy
MelanoSITE FISH Test for the Diagnosis of Melanoma
Micra Leadless Pacemaker
Micronutrient Panel Testing
Microcurrent stimulation for home use
MicroVas
Microwave thermotherapy for breast cancer
MindStreams Cognitive Health Assessment for Assessing Mild Cognitive Impairment
MitoMet Mitochondrial/Metabolic Microarray Analysis
Molecular Topographic genotyping
Monochromatic infrared energy (MIRE) therapy
Morcher 67B artificial iris implant
Moxibustion
MRI guided ultrasound ablation of uterine fibroids
MtDNA testing for mitochondrial dysfunction (e.g., mtSEEK)
Multifunction Cardiogram
Music Therapy
Myer’s Cocktail
Myotherapy
myPath Melanoma test

NanoKnife System for Irreversible Electroporation Treatment of Pancreatic and Liver Cancer
Natural Orifice Transluminal Endoscopic Surgery
Neural Therapy
Ness H200 (neuroprosthetic and rehabilitation system)
Neutralizing antibody testing in multiple sclerosis
NeuroCybernetic Prosthesis System for intractable hiccups
Neurodevelopmental Treatment (e.g. Bobath method) for cerebral palsy
NeuraGen Nerve Guide (Integra LifeSciences Corp.) for Repair of Severed Peripheral Nerves of the Upper Extremity
Neuroform (NF) Microdelivery Stent System for Intracranial Aneurysms:
  • NF stent-assisted coiling of wide-neck intracranial aneurysms in adult in whom antiplatelet or anticoagulant use is contraindicated
  • NF stent-assisted coiling of unruptured or ruptured wide-neck intracranial aneurysms in adults
Neuroma ablation surgery of peripheral nerves for pain
Neuromuscular retraining for facial paralysis
Neuro-optometric rehabilitation
NeuroTrax Testing
NexCourse CRC for evaluation of colorectal cancer
Non-contact normothermic wound therapy (NNWT) - also known as non-contact radiant heat bandage devices or Warm-Up Active Wound Therapy
Noninvasive Peripheral Arterial Tonometry
NPDX ASD ADM Panel I for autism spectrum disorders
NutrEval test

Ocular Blood flow analyzer
Optical Coherence Tomography for Coronary Artery Plaque Characterization and Stent Evaluation for assessment of intracoronary plaques and stents
Optiwave Refractive Analysis (ORA) system
OrthAdapt Bioimplant
Orthoptics (eye exercises) for learning disabilities and traumatic brain injury

Paraspinal surface electromyography
Penile vein embolization
Percutaneous sacroplasty
Permacol Biologic Implant
Personalized Knee replacement (e.g., Biomet signature system, Trumatch, OtisKnee, Visionaire technology)

Physiologic recording of tremor using accelerometer(s) and gyroscope(s), (including frequency and amplitude including interpretation and report

Pillar Palatal Implant System for treatment of obstructive sleep apnea

Placement alpha miroglobulin-1-rapid immunoassay for detection of rupture of fetal membranes (e.g., AmniSure)

Plasma kinetic vaporization of prostate (also known as bipolar vaporization)

Polarity Therapy

Prolotherapy

Prometheus Liver Support System

Proteomic-based testing of serum (e.g. OvaCheck, OvaSure, OVA1, ROMA) for the detection of ovarian cancer

P Stim auricular stimulation

Pudendal Nerve Block for Treatment of Pudendal Neuralgia

Pulsed radiofrequency

Quantitative Sensory Thermal Testing (QST)

Radiofrequency ablation of breast tumors

Radiofrequency ablation for the treatment of complex regional pain syndrome

Radiofrequency Discectomy

Radiofrequency lesioning for plantar fasciitis

Radiofrequency stimulation devices for wound care (e.g., Provant Wound Closure System, MicroVas Vascular Treatment System)

Reflexology

Reiki (Energy Healing, Biofield Therapeutics, Palm Healing, Tenohira)

Revici’s Guided Chemotherapy

Rhinomanometry

Rolfing (Structural Integration)

Rubenfeld Synergy Method (RSM)

Saliva tests:

- Estriol hormone level to predict pre-term labor
- Hormone levels for menopause and aging (e.g., cortisol, DHEA, estradiol, estriol, estrone, progesterone, testosterone)

ScoliScore Adolescent Idiopathic Scoliosis (AIS) Prognostic Test

SensiGene Fetal RhD Genotyping

Septin 9 (SEPT9) Methylation Analysis for Colorectal Cancer

Signal-Averaged Electrocardiography

Single Nucleotide Polymorphism (SNP) Testing for Breast Cancer Risk Assessment

Skin Autofluorescence (AFR) to Aid in Assessing Diabetes-Related Complications

SLE-key for biomarkers for systemic lupus erythematosus

SpeechEasy fluency device

Sperm Hyaluronan binding assay

Staggered Spondaic Word Test

Stealth System for spinal surgery (e.g. Medtronic StealthStation)

Subtalar Implant for Pes Planus

Suit Therapy for cerebral palsy
Superconducting Quantum Interference Devices (SQUIDs) used to measure the magnetic field strength and record a magnetocardiogram
Superconducting Quantum Interference Devices (SQUIDs) for the measurement of hepatic iron concentration when there is chronic iron overload.
Supraorbital nerve stimulation for treatment of headache
Sural nerve graft with radical prostatectomy
Surgical deactivation of refractory migraine headache
Surgical Decompression for treatment of diabetic neuropathy (not medically necessary)
Surgical Repair of athletic pubalgia
Surgical Ventricular Restoration for Heart Failure
Sympathetic therapy

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TenoGlide tendon protector sheet (Tendon Wrap tendon protector) for the management and protection of tendon injuries or for any other indications
Therapeutic Eurythmy (Movement Therapy)
Therapeutic Touch (TT, Non-Contact Therapeutic Touch (NCTT) or Distance Healing)
Thermal shrinkage of knee, wrist, ankle and elbow joints
Thermography
T-Joe Bracing System for asymptomatic pectus carinatum
Threshold electrical stimulation
Thoracoscopic laser ablation for treatment of emphysema
Thought field therapy
Thyroid Hormone Receptor Beta (THRB) Gene Testing in Resistance to Thyroid Hormone (RTH)
Tinnitus maskers
Tinnitus retraining therapy
TMR device for chronic pain
Topaz microdebrider for musculoskeletal conditions
TP63 testing
Transcendental Meditation
Transcription Factor 4 (TCF4) Testing for Pitt-Hopkins Syndrome (PTHS)
Transmeatal laser irradiation for treatment of tinnitus
Triangle Tilt Surgery for Treatment of Obstetric Brachial Plexus Injury
Trufuse Facet Fusion for Spinal Instability (not medically necessary)
Trumatch personalized knee replacement
Tumor Necrosis Factor (TNF) Receptor – Associated Periodic Syndrome (TRAPS; Familial Hibernian Fever):
- Presymptomatic testing in asymptomatic individuals with a family history of TRAPS and an identified pathogenic familial variant in TNFRSF1A
- Prenatal or preimplantation genetic diagnosis in familial cases of TRAPS with an identified pathogenic familial variant in TNFRSF1A
Tumor vaccines unless otherwise specified

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Ultrasound for evaluation of paranasal sinuses
Ultrasound guidance for podiatry and other joint injections
Ultrasound of the carotid and/or femoral artery(s) to assess risk for coronary artery disease
Unicondylar Interpositional Spacer
Urinary Cross-Linked N-Telopeptide of Type I Collagen Biomarker for Diagnosis of Osteoporosis and Fracture Risk Assessment
Vacuum therapy for treatment of female sexual dysfunction
Vascular stents for deep vein thrombosis
Vascular surgery as treatments for refractory migraine headache
Vascular surgery for impotence
Vectra DA
VersaJet Hydrosurgery System for treatment of burns
Vertebral Axial Decompression (VAX-D)
Vertical Auto Profile cholesterol test (VAP)
Vestibular autorotation test
Vestibular evoked myogenic potential (VEMP) testing
Vision therapy for the treatment of learning disabilities and mild traumatic brain injury, including:
  - Training glasses
  - Prism glasses
  - Tinted or colored lens
VitalStim therapy

WalkAide neuromuscular stimulator
Whole Body CT Scan for screening
Whole body DEXA for body composition studies
Whole body hyperthermia
Whole body vibration (WBV) to bone growth in postmenopausal women diagnosed with osteoporosis
Whole Exome Sequencing for noncancer indications, for identification of variants in undiagnosed disorders
Willow Curve

Xclose Tissue Repair System following a lumbar discectomy procedure
Xpresys Lung Test

Zimmer Trabecular Metal Vertebral Body Replacement System

General Purpose.
Health Net's Medical Policies (the "Policies") are developed to assist Health Net in administering plan benefits and determining whether a particular procedure, drug, service or supply is medically necessary. The Policies are based upon a review of the available clinical information including clinical outcome studies in the peer-reviewed published medical literature, regulatory status of the drug or device, evidence-based guidelines of governmental bodies, and evidence-based guidelines and positions of select national health professional organizations. Coverage determinations are made on a case-by-case basis and are subject to all of the terms, conditions, limitations, and exclusions of the member's contract, including medical necessity requirements. Health Net may use the Policies to determine whether under the facts and circumstances of a particular case, the proposed procedure, drug, service or supply is medically necessary. The conclusion that a procedure, drug, service or supply is medically necessary does not constitute coverage. The member's contract defines which procedure, drug, service or supply is covered, excluded, limited, or subject to dollar caps. The policy provides for clearly written, reasonable and current criteria that have been approved by Health Net's National Medical Advisory Council (MAC). The clinical criteria and medical policies provide guidelines for determining the medical necessity criteria for specific
procedures, equipment, and services. In order to be eligible, all services must be medically necessary and otherwise defined in the member’s benefits contract as described this “Important Notice” disclaimer. In all cases, final benefit determinations are based on the applicable contract language. To the extent there are any conflicts between medical policy guidelines and applicable contract language, the contract language prevails. Medical policy is not intended to override the policy that defines the member’s benefits, nor is it intended to dictate to providers how to practice medicine.

Policy Effective Date and Defined Terms.
The date of posting is not the effective date of the Policy. The Policy is effective as of the date determined by Health Net. All policies are subject to applicable legal and regulatory mandates and requirements for prior notification. If there is a discrepancy between the policy effective date and legal mandates and regulatory requirements, the requirements of law and regulation shall govern. * In some states, new or revised policies require prior notice or posting on the website before a policy is deemed effective. For information regarding the effective dates of Policies, contact your provider representative. The Policies do not include definitions. All terms are defined by Health Net. For information regarding the definitions of terms used in the Policies, contact your provider representative.

Policy Amendment without Notice.
Health Net reserves the right to amend the Policies without notice to providers or Members. In some states, new or revised policies require prior notice or website posting before an amendment is deemed effective.

No Medical Advice.
The Policies do not constitute medical advice. Health Net does not provide or recommend treatment to members. Members should consult with their treating physician in connection with diagnosis and treatment decisions.

No Authorization or Guarantee of Coverage.
The Policies do not constitute authorization or guarantee of coverage of particular procedure, drug, service or supply. Members and providers should refer to the Member contract to determine if exclusions, limitations, and dollar caps apply to a particular procedure, drug, service or supply.

Policy Limitation: Member’s Contract Controls Coverage Determinations.
The determination of coverage for a particular procedure, drug, service or supply is not based upon the Policies, but rather is subject to the facts of the individual clinical case, terms and conditions of the member’s contract, and requirements of applicable laws and regulations. The contract language contains specific terms and conditions, including pre-existing conditions, limitations, exclusions, benefit maximums, eligibility, and other relevant terms and conditions of coverage. In the event the Member’s contract (also known as the benefit contract, coverage document, or evidence of coverage) conflicts with the Policies, the Member’s contract shall govern. Coverage decisions are the result of the terms and conditions of the Member’s benefit contract. The Policies do not replace or amend the Member’s contract. If there is a discrepancy between the Policies and the Member’s contract, the Member’s contract shall govern.

Policy Limitation: Legal and Regulatory Mandates and Requirements.
The determinations of coverage for a particular procedure, drug, service or supply is subject to applicable legal and regulatory mandates and requirements. If there is a discrepancy between the Policies and legal mandates and regulatory requirements, the requirements of law and regulation shall govern.

Policy Limitations: Medicare and Medicaid.
Policies specifically developed to assist Health Net in administering Medicare or Medicaid plan benefits and determining coverage for a particular procedure, drug, service or supply for Medicare or Medicaid members shall not be construed to apply to any other Health Net plans and members. The Policies shall not be interpreted to limit the benefits afforded Medicare and Medicaid members by law and regulation.