Subject: Brachytherapy for In-Stent Restenosis in Native Coronary Arteries*

Effective Date: July 5, 2001

Department(s): Utilization Management

Policy: Coronary artery brachytherapy for in-stent restenosis is reimbursable under Plans administered by QualCare, Inc.

Objective: To ensure proper and consistent reimbursement and to record criteria for a specific therapeutic intervention.

Procedure: 1. Coronary artery brachytherapy (CPT 77785, 92974) will be reimbursed for in-stent restenosis (ICD-9 996.03, 996.72) in either a native coronary artery or a vein-grafted coronary artery.

2. Coronary artery brachytherapy is NOT reimbursable for primary prevention of restenosis during initial stent placement (99280, 99281).

References:


*Consistent with Summary Plan Description (SPD). When there is discordance between this policy and the SPD, the provisions of the SPD prevail.