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RE: New/Revised/Archived Medical Policies effective October 1, 2024

Dear Provider/Facility:

The chart below provides a high-level overview of new/revised/archived Medical Policies effective for dates of service October 1, 2024, or after.

Updated and new medical policies are posted at least 30 days prior to their effective dates at [bluecrossvt.org/provider](http://bluecrossvt.org/provider).

We encourage you to review the medical policies in their entirety. Some of the changes may affect eligible services, non-covered services, services that are not medically necessary, prior approval requirements or investigational services. The changes to these policies may also affect financial responsibilities for members and/or providers.

Policy Title	High-Level Overview
Adjustable Cranial Orthoses for Positional Plagiocephaly and Craniosynostoses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Policy archived; services eligible subject to medical necessity</li> </ul>
Investigational Services and Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Code 33274 removed from coding table, prior authorization is required</li> </ul>
Pediatric Neurodevelopmental and Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Screening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medical necessity criteria changed from three years to five years of age</li> <li>Updated references</li> <li>Minor formatting updates</li> </ul>
<b>NEW</b> - Percutaneous Electrical Nerve Field Stimulation for functional Abdominal Pain Disorders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Policy</li> <li>Medical necessity criteria established for use of IB-STIM</li> <li>Code 0720T requires prior approval</li> </ul>
Temporomandibular Joint Dysfunction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clarification that oral appliances for treatment of bruxism (including D9944) are not medically necessary for the treatment of TMJ</li> <li>Code D7880 removed from requiring prior approval, it is eligible based on medical necessity</li> </ul>

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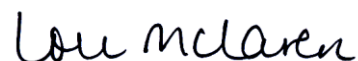
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lou McLaren". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Lou McLaren  
Director, Provider Services