

Medical policy changes for skin substitutes and amniotic membranes

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We are updating our medical policies related to skin substitutes and amniotic membranes. Because there are many nuances in nomenclature and applications related to specific conditions, we want to share the policies we will use to determine medical necessity.

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Medical policies effective June 1

Starting June 1, 2022, the following policies will be effective for members with Blue Cross® Blue Shield® of Arizona (BCBSAZ) commercial plans (individual and group), Federal Employee Program® (FEP®) plans, and Medicare Advantage plans. Any utilization outside of these guidelines will be considered experimental and investigational.



BCBSAZ Commercial Policies

Available via the InterQual® search tool in the azblue secure provider portal at
Practice Management > Medical Policies

Bio-engineered skin and soft tissue substitutes	Amniotic membrane and amniotic fluid
Allogeneic acellular dermal matrix for breast reconstructive surgery (post-mastectomy) (PDF)	AmnioBand® membrane for diabetic ulcer (PDF)
AlloPatch® for diabetic ulcer (PDF)	Biovance® for diabetic ulcer (PDF)
Apligraf® for diabetic/venous ulcer (PDF)	EpiCord® for diabetic ulcer (PDF)
Dermagraft® for diabetic ulcer (PDF)	EpiFix® for diabetic ulcer (PDF)
Epitel® for burns (PDF)	GRAFIX™ for diabetic ulcer (PDF)
Integra® dermal regeneration template for burns (PDF)	Human amniotic membrane grafts with or without suture (PDF)
Integra® flowable wound matrix (PDF)	Human amniotic membrane grafts with suture or glue (PDF)
Integra® Omnigraft™ dermal regeneration matrix for diabetic ulcer (PDF)	
OASIS® wound matrix for venous ulcer (PDF)	
OrCel® for mitten hand deformity (PDF)	



FEP Policies

Available at [Medical Policies - BCBS Federal Employee Program \(fepblue.org\)](https://www.fepblue.org).

Bioengineered skin and soft tissue substitutes (PDF).	Amniotic membrane and amniotic fluid (PDF).
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BCBSAZ Medicare Advantage Policies

For NCD guidelines: [National Coverage Report Results \(cms.gov\)](#); for MCG, call us at 1-800-446-8331

National Coverage Determinations (NCD)	MCG
Porcine skin and gradient pressure dressings, version 270.5 (PDF).	Skin substitute, tissue-engineered (human cellular) for diabetic foot ulcer and venous ulcer (PDF).

Please note: Other BCBS Plans and self-funded groups with plans administered by a third party may use other medical policies.

- For BlueCard® (out-of-area) members, access medical policies by using the BlueCard router tool in the secure provider portal at “[azblue.com/providers](#) > Practice Management > Medical Policies > BlueCard (Out-of-Area) Plans.”
- For members with plans administered by a third party, use the contact information on the back of the member ID card.

We ask that you share this information with your clinical teams. Be sure to check medical policy sources on a regular basis for the most current versions of applicable policies. If you have questions, contact your [provider liaison](#) or call us at 602-864-4231 or 1-800-232-2345, ext. 4231.

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