

# See our unit limits for antigen preparation

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The Blue Cross® Blue Shield® of Arizona (BCBSAZ) proprietary Allergy Testing and Treatment medical policy includes unit limits for antigen preparation (CPT® 95165). This code refers to the mixing and preparation of antigens for allergen immunotherapy (it does not include antigen administration). Use this code when one or more antigens is prepared.

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**What to do when the ID card says  
Blue High Performance Network (BlueHPN)**

Our policy specifies the maximum units allowed per two-month or rolling 12-month period:

Subcutaneous immunotherapy is considered **medically necessary** when administered by a professional for inhalant or insect venom allergens with demonstrated hypersensitivity and inability to be managed by avoidance or medication, with *all* of the following limitations:

1. 60 units maximum allowed for any two-month period.
2. 150 units maximum allowed for any rolling 12-month period.

Units above these cumulative limits billed with 95165 may be denied. You can access this and other BCBSAZ proprietary policies at [azblue.com/BCBSAZpolicies](https://azblue.com/BCBSAZpolicies).

## Other types of allergy treatments/immunotherapy

Our allergy policy specifies that certain other types of immunotherapy treatment (including those listed below) are considered experimental or investigational. Claims for these therapies are denied.

- Intravenous nutrient therapy
- Intravenous vitamin therapy
- Repository emulsion therapy
- Urine auto-injection
- Rhinotherapy

## Allergy testing

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We cover certain types of allergy tests for specific conditions or suspected causes. The policy explains which types of tests are considered not medically necessary, experimental, or investigational, and will be denied.

## Applicable lines of business

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Our proprietary allergy policy applies to BCBSAZ fully insured commercial plans (group and individual). Other types of plans may use other criteria, including self-funded group plans using a third-party administrator, Federal Employee Program<sup>®</sup> (FEP<sup>®</sup>) plans, BlueCard<sup>®</sup> (out-of-area) plans, and Medicare Advantage plans.

We ask that you share this information with your clinical teams. 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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