

Carotid Artery Stenting

Non-Medicare Coverage – Summary of Selected Payer Policies

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National Plans – Large non-Medicare payers including many of the largest payers in the country who cover patients in many if not all states.

Regional Plans – This is state-by-state listing of select non-Medicare payers who have accessible medical polices. Many of these are Blue Cross Blue Shield plans which is often one of the larger payers in each state.

The colored indicator for each plan shows the carotid artery stenting (CAS) coverage level as compared to Medicare. Coverage is described by these indicators as potentially broader than Medicare, likely same as Medicare, or potentially more restrictive than Medicare. The note below shows the current Medicare CAS coverage policy for coverage outside of IDE clinical trials and post approval trials

* Medicare coverage of CAS is limited to symptomatic patients at high risk for carotid endarterectomy surgery who have greater than 70% stenosis.

National Plans

Please Note: Listed below are links to coverage policies for selected payers. These links and the associated policy information are accurate as of the date of print, are provided as a reference, and may change frequently and without notice. This information assumes, in each instance, that the procedure is medically necessary and otherwise appropriate for reimbursement and that all necessary documentation will be made available to the provider. Physicians may not rely on the compiled information as a promise or guaranty of coverage and Boston Scientific strongly suggests that facilities and physicians always confirm coverage status and all applicable requirements and restrictions with specific payers prior to performing CAS procedures.

Plan Name	States Covered	Coverage Policy	Policy Weblink
Aetna	50 states	●	http://www.aetna.com/cpb/medical/data/200_299/0276.html
Humana	Many SE and MW states	●	http://apps.humana.com/tad/tad_new/Search.aspx?criteria=37215&searchtype=freetext -
CIGNA	CA, FL, NJ, TN, TX	●	http://www.cigna.com/customer_care/healthcare_professional/coverage_positions/medical/mm_0101_coveragepositioncriteria_carotid_artery_stenting1.pdf
Kaiser	CA, CO, GA, HI, MD, VA, DC, OH, OR, WA	?	http://www.kaiserpermanente.org/
United	50 States	?	http://www.uhc.com/home.htm
Tricare	50 States	●	http://manuals.tricare.osd.mil -

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Alabama	BCBS of AL	●	https://www.bcbsal.org/providers/policies/final/221.pdf
Alaska	BCBS of AK	●	https://www.premera.com/stellent/groups/public/documents/medicalpolicy/cmi_029780.pdf -
Arizona	HealthNet	●	https://www.healthnet.com/static/general/unprotected/pdfs/national/policies/carotid_angioplasty_may_06.pdf
Arkansas	BCSS or AR	●	http://www.arkansasbluecross.com/members/report.aspx?policyNumber=1998150 -
California	BS of CA	?	https://www.blueshieldca.com/provider/guidelines/guidelines.jhtml -
California	HealthNet	●	https://www.healthnet.com/static/general/unprotected/pdfs/national/policies/carotid_angioplasty_may_06.pdf
Colorado	Anthem	●	http://www.anthem.com/medicalpolicies/policies/mp_pw_a053281.htm
Connecticut	Anthem	●	http://www.anthem.com/medicalpolicies/policies/mp_pw_a053281.htm -

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Delaware	CareFirst BCBS	●	http://notesnet.carefirst.com/ecommerce/medicalpolicy.nsf/vwebtablex?searchview&query=carotid+stenting*&Start=1&Count=100&SearchOrder=4
District of Columbia	CareFirst BCBS	●	http://notesnet.carefirst.com/ecommerce/medicalpolicy.nsf/vwebtablex?searchview&query=carotid+stenting*&Start=1&Count=100&SearchOrder=4
Florida	BCBS of FL	●	http://www.bcbsfl.com/MCG/index.cfm
Georgia	BCBS of GA	●	http://www.bcbsga.com/medicalpolicies/policies/mp_pw_a053281.htm
Hawaii	Hawaii Medical Service Association	●	http://www.hmsa.com/portal/provider/zav_pel.ph.CAR.600.htm
Idaho	Regence BCBS ID	●	http://blue.regence.com/trgmedpol/surgery/sur93.html
Illinois	Health Care Svcs Corp BCBS IL	●	http://medicalpolicy.hcsc.net/medicalpolicy/home?ctype=POLICY&cat=Medicine&path=/templatedata/medpolicies/POLICY/data/MEDICINE/MED202.032_2007-11-01

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Indiana	Anthem	●	http://www.anthem.com/medicalpolicies/policies/mp_pw_a053281.htm
Iowa	Wellmark BCBS	●	http://www.wellmark.com/Provider/MedPoliciesAndAuthorizations/MedicalPolicies/policies/extracranial_carotid_angioplasty_and_stenting.aspx
Kansas	BCBS of KS	●	http://www.bcbsks.com/CustomerService/Providers/MedicalPolicies/institutional/policies/7-07_CAS.pdf
Kentucky	Anthem	●	http://www.anthem.com/medicalpolicies/policies/mp_pw_a053281.htm
Louisiana	Not available	?	Link not available
Maine	Anthem	●	http://www.anthem.com/medicalpolicies/policies/mp_pw_a053281.htm
Maryland	CareFirst BCBS	●	http://notesnet.carefirst.com/ecommerce/medicalpolicy.nsf/vwwebtablex?searchview&query=carotid+stenting*&Start=1&Count=100&SearchOrder=4

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Massachusetts	BCBS of MA	●	http://www.bluecrossma.com/common/en_US/medical_policies/077%20Percutaneous%20Transluminal%20Angioplasty%20prn.pdf
Michigan	Not available	?	Link Not available
Minnesota	BCBS of MN	●	http://notes.bluecrossmn.com/web/medpolman.nsf/50c2d5c81dd37e6a862569bd0054c1b2/0c2bd6e558c0d6cf862567f60077bd6f?OpenDocument&Highlight=0,carotid
Mississippi	BCBS of MS	●	http://www.bcbsms.com/index.php?q=provider-medical-policy-search.html&action=viewPolicy&path=policy%2Femed%2FExtracranial+Carotid+Angioplasty+and+Stenting.html&keywords=carotid
Missouri	Anthem	●	http://www.anthem.com/medicalpolicies/policies/mp_pw_a053281.htm
Montana	BCBS of MT	●	http://mt1-bcbs.bcbsmt.com/bsd/MedicalPolicy.nsf/34a57e6684f1c47f87256cb5007697e4/ed144ab856b332408725716200651e4a?OpenDocument&Highlight=0,carotid
Nebraska	BCBS of NE	●	https://www.bcbsne.com/PDFs/Provider/Library/Manuals/Medical_Policy_Manual.pdf

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Nevada	Anthem	●	http://www.anthem.com/medicalpolicies/policies/mp_pw_a053281.htm
New Hampshire	Anthem	●	http://www.anthem.com/medicalpolicies/policies/mp_pw_a053281.htm
New Jersey	Horizon BCBS	●	https://services3.horizon-bcbsnj.com/hcm/MedPol2.nsf
New Mexico	Health Care Svcs Corp BCBS NM	●	http://medicalpolicy.hcsc.net/medicalpolicy/home?ctype=POLICY&cat=Medicine&path=/templatedata/medpolicies/POLICY/data/MEDICINE/MED202.032_2007-11-01
New York	Empire BCBS	●	http://www.empireblue.com/provider/noapplication/f2/s5/t9/pw_ad084949.pdf
New York	BCBS of Western NY	●	https://securews.bcbswny.com/wps/wcm/connect/6157a9004a77e37aa1efb7b75f24ef0a/bcbs_prov_prot_Carotid_PTA.pdf?MOD=AJPERES
New York	Excellus BCBS	●	https://www.excellusbcbs.com/wps/wcm/connect/cd8dfd804e8eb77894e8bfe420b83c88/extracran_carotid.pdf?MOD=AJPERES

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North Carolina	BCBS of NC	●	http://www.bcbsnc.com/services/medical-policy/pdf/carotid_artery_angioplasty_stenting_(cas).pdf
North Dakota	BCBS of ND	●	http://bbthor.bcbsnd.com/Bulletins/Blue_Cross_Blue_Shield_ND_Medical_Policy/Non_Cardiac_Stent_Implantation.htm
Ohio	Anthem	●	http://www.anthem.com/medicalpolicies/policies/mp_pw_a053281.htm
Ohio	Medical Mutual	●	http://provider.medmutual.com/Tools_and_Resources/Care_Management/MedPolicies/PDF/200512.pdf?t=7/15/2009%203:51:22%20PM
Oklahoma	Health Care Svcs Corp BCBS OK	●	http://medicalpolicy.hcsc.net/medicalpolicy/home?ctype=POLICY&cat=Medicine&path=/templatedata/medpolicies/POLICY/data/MEDICINE/MED202.032_2007-11-01
Oregon	Regence BCBS OR	●	http://blue.regence.com/trgmedpol/surgery/sur93.html
Oregon	HealthNet	●	https://www.healthnet.com/static/general/unprotected/pdfs/national/policies/carotid_angioplasty_may_06.pdf
Pennsylvania	Highmark BCBS	●	https://secure.highmark.com/ldap/medicalpolicy/wpa-highmark/S-182-005.html




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Pennsylvania	Independence BCBS		http://www.ibx.com/providers/policies_guidelines_pubs/medical_policy.html
Rhode Island	BCBS of RI		https://www.bcbsri.com/BCBSRIWeb/plansandservices/services/medical_policies/CarotidArteryStentingtoTreatCarotidArteryStenosis.jsp
South Carolina	BCBS of SC		http://www.cam-policies.com/internet/cmpd/cmp/mdclplcy.nsf/DispContent/6CFA3C75D31CD55E85257571006C70A7?opendocument
South Dakota	Wellmark BCBS		http://www.wellmark.com/Provider/MedPoliciesAndAuthorizations/MedicalPolicies/policies/extracranial_carotid_angioplasty_and_stenting.aspx
Tennessee	BCBS of TN		http://www.bcbst.com/MPManual/Percutaneous_Transluminal_Angioplasty_of_the_Aortic_Arch_Vessels_and_of_Coarctation_of_the_Aorta.htm

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Texas	Health Care Svcs Corp BCBS TX	●	http://medicalpolicy.hcsc.net/medicalpolicy/home?ctype=POLICY&cat=Medicine&path=/templatedata/medpolicies/POLICY/data/MEDICINE/MED202.032_2007-11-01
Utah	Regence BCBS UT	●	http://blue.regence.com/trgmedpol/surgery/sur93.html
Vermont	Not available	?	Link not available
Virginia	Anthem	●	http://www.anthem.com/medicalpolicies/policies/mp_pw_a053281.htm
Virginia	CareFirst BCBS	●	http://notesnet.carefirst.com/ecommerce/medicalpolicy.nsf/vwwebtablex?searchview&query=carotid+stenting*&Start=1&Count=100&SearchOrder=4

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Washington	Regence BCBS WA	●	http://blue.regence.com/trgmedpol/surgery/sur93.html
West Virginia	Mountain State BCBS	●	https://www.msbcbs.com/medpolicy/S-182-004.html
Wisconsin	Anthem	●	http://www.anthem.com/medicalpolicies/policies/mp_pw_a053281.htm
Wyoming	Not Available	?	Link not available

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