



**Subject:** Bloodless Surgery\*

**Effective Date:** March 22, 2005

**Department(s):** Utilization Management

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**Policy:** The level of benefit for a bloodless surgical procedure shall be determined by the network status of the facility and the provider.

**Objective:** To assure consistent and proper reimbursement for a variant of services that, while requested by some patients, is based on cultural or religious imperatives rather than true medical necessity.

**Procedure:** Precertification and other administrative procedures relating to bloodless surgery shall be the same as for any surgery.

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