



**Subject:** Whole Body Cutaneous Photography (WBCP)\*

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**Department(s):** Utilization Management

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**Policy:** Whole body cutaneous photography (WBCP) in managing patients at risk for melanoma is reimbursable under Plans administered by QualCare, Inc.

**Objective:** To assure proper and consistent reimbursement and to delineate circumstances under which a specific diagnostic modality is covered.

**Procedure:**

1. WBCP (CPT 96904) is covered in patients with a history of any of the following:
  - Dysplastic nevus or nevi (ICD-9 238.2; IDC-10 D48.5)
  - Atypical nevus or nevi (ICD-9 238.2; ICD-10 D48.5)
  - Melanoma (ICD-9 172.0 – 172.9; V10.82; ICD-10 C43.0-C43.9, Z85.820)
2. WBCP is covered in patients with a first- or second-degree relative with any of the diagnoses listed in #1 above.
3. All requests for WBCP must be accompanied by documentation of the history noted in #1 and #2 above.

4. If WBCP is repeated more frequently than every 24 months, the request must be accompanied by written documentation of medical necessity for medical review.

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