



Clinical Policy: Fecal Microbiota Transplantation

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Description

This policy describes the medical necessity guidelines for fecal microbiota transplantation.

NOTE: See CP.PHARM.613 for criteria for J1440-Rebyota.

Policy/Criteria

- I. It is the policy of Coordinated Care of Washington, Inc., and Coordinated Care Corporation, in accordance with the Health Care Authority's Health Technology Assessment and Health Care Authority Billing Guidelines, that fecal microbiota transplantation is considered **medically necessary** when both of the following criteria have been met:
 - A. Member/Enrollee has *c. difficile* infection that has failed an appropriate course of antibiotic therapy.
- II. It is the policy of Coordinated Care of Washington, Inc., and Coordinated Care Corporation, in accordance with the Health Care Authority's Health Technology Assessment and Health Care Authority Billing Guidelines, that fecal microbiota transplantation is **not medically necessary** for inflammatory bowel disease.

Background

This policy is based on Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) Health Technology Assessment (HTA) and Health Care Authority Billing Guidelines. Fecal microbiota transplantation is a procedure where donor fecal material is placed into a patient's intestine to recolonize it with normal gut bacteria.

Coding Implications

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CPT® Codes	Description
44705	Preparation of fecal microbiota for instillation, including assessment of donor specimen.

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0780T	Instillation of fecal microbiota suspension via rectal enema into lower GI tract

HCPCS Codes	Description
G0455	Preparation with instillation of fecal microbiota by any method, including assessment of donor specimen.
J1440	Fecal microbiota, live – jsml, 1 ml (Rebyota)

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	Approval Date
Policy developed.	08/19	08/19
Annual review. Added non-coverage criteria. References updated.	03/20	04/20
Annual review. References updated.	02/21	03/21
Annual review. Changed “not covered” to “not medically necessary”. Changed “members” to “members/enrollees”. Updated references.	02/22	03/22
Annual review. Updated references.	02/23	02/23
Annual review. References updated.	02/24	02/24
Annual review. Updated logo and added “Coordinated Care Corporation” Removed reference to FDA regulations. Updated references. Added J1440 and removed 44799. Added reference to pharmacy policy.	01/25	02/25

References

1. Hasimoto, R., Skelly, A., Brodt, E. (Spectrum Research, Inc.). Fecal Microbiota Transplantation. Washington Health Technology Assessment. September 30, 2016.
2. Washington State Health Care Authority. *Physician-related Services/Health Care Billing Guide*. [Physician-Related Services/Health Care Professional Services billing guide](#) Revision effective January 1, 2025.

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