Benefit Coverage

**Covered Benefit for lines of business including:** Health Benefits Exchange (HBE), Rite Care (MED), Children with Special Needs (CSN), Substitute Care (SUB), Rhody Health Partners (RHP), Rhody Health Expansion (RHE), Rhody Health Options Unity (RHO), Rhody Health Options Integrity (MMP)

**Excluded from Coverage:** Extended Family Planning (EFP)

Coverage Determination

Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island (Neighborhood) covers Botulinum Toxin Type A and B as a clinical option when recommended by the member’s primary care physician, neurologist, urologist or plastic surgeon and determined medically necessary by the Medical Management Department. Botulinum Toxin A and B will only be covered for the listed diagnoses. (See Below) No other indications will be considered medically necessary as there is insufficient data supporting the effectiveness of the procedure and drug for other conditions. **Cosmetic indications are not a covered benefit.**

Retroactive requests for procedures already performed may not be covered.

Requests with incomplete information will be returned for completion prior to review.

**NOTE:** If you are attempting to obtain Prior Authorization for the use of Botox for your patient, the guidelines and criteria for this request are viewable through the Pharmacy & Therapeutics Policies.

Pharmacy Prior Authorization Form for Botulinum Toxin.
https://www.nhpri.org/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/Botox-May-2016-PA_FORM.pdf
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This medical policy is made available to you for informational purposes only. It is not a guarantee of payment or a substitute for your medical judgment in the treatment of your patients. Benefits and eligibility are determined by the member's coverage plan; a member's coverage plan will supersede the provisions of this medical policy. For information on member-specific benefits, call member services. This policy is current at the time of publication; however, medical practices, technology, and knowledge are constantly changing. Neighborhood reserves the right to review and revise this policy for any reason and at any time, with or without notice.