

## 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), Medicare-Medicaid Plan (MMP) Integrity
Excluded from Coverage:
Extended Family Planning (EFP)

## Medicare Distinction

For INTEGRITY members: Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island (Neighborhood) uses guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for coverage determinations, including medical necessity. Coverage determinations are based on applicable payment policies, National Coverage Determinations (NCDs), Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs), Local Coverage Articles (LCAs), and other available CMS published guidance.

In the absence of an applicable or incomplete NCD, LCD, or other CMS published guidance OR if available Medicare coverage guidance is not met, then Neighborhood will apply coverage guidance from the Rhode Island Executive Office of Health & Human Services (EOHHS), or other peer-reviewed scientific evidence, such as InterQual® and/or internal Clinical Medical Policies as a means of secondary coverage through the members' Medicaid benefit.

## Description

Termination of pregnancy is defined as the elective elimination of a pregnancy.

**Coverage Determination** for MEDICAID, COMMERCIAL (plans Innovation, Community, Plus, Edge, Premier, Premier Elite, Prime, Prime Elite, Standard, and Choice), and INTEGRITY Lines of business only – **No authorization required**

**Coverage Determination for COMMERCIAL** (plans Value, Essential, and Economy)

Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island covers pregnancy terminations in accordance with guidelines mandated by the Rhode Island Department of Human Services and the federal government. These stipulate that Medicaid funding may only be used for termination of pregnancy resulting from rape, incest, or for terminations performed as a result of life-threatening conditions of the mother.

The member's Primary Care Practitioner, Gynecologist, or Obstetrician/Gynecologist must submit a request for medical necessity review. The treating practitioner must provide a signed statement that the pregnancy resulted from an act of rape or incest. Neighborhood's form, available on our website, Physician Certification Form for Termination of Pregnancy, must be completed in order to request authorization.

When the termination is being performed due to a life-threatening condition of the mother, the treating practitioner must also submit written documentation as to the impact of the pregnancy on the mother's condition.

**Criteria**

Approval of termination of pregnancy is a clinical option for patients less than twenty-two (22) weeks pregnant who meet one of the following criteria:

- ☐ Pregnancy as a result of rape or incest, **OR**
  - ☐ To preserve the life of the mother when the pregnancy threatens her with mortality risks.
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**CMP Cross Reference:**

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**Neighborhood reviews clinical medical policies on an annual base.**

**Disclaimer:**

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.

**References:**

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to audit States to determine if such States used Medicaid funds in violation of the Hyde Amendment and other Federal prohibitions on funding for abortions, and for other purposes. Accessed 5/7/18 <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/610/all-info> Public Law 102-112, Hyde Amendment