PENILE IMPLANTS (PENILE PROSTHESIS)

Description

The surgical treatment for impotence is the insertion of a device known as a penile implant. A device is surgically implanted in the penile organ to correct impotence. Plan approval is required for Penile Implants. A medical necessity review is required for all requests for this procedure. Appropriate supporting medical documentation must accompany all requests.

THC considers requests for Penile Implant on a case-by-case basis when submitted documentation satisfies medical necessity criteria. THC utilizes criteria derived from evidenced based medicine and nationally accepted Standards of Care. Additional factors taken into consideration during the clinical review process include (not all inclusive):

- Age
- Pertinent past and current medical history
- Current treatment and progress
- Individual need
- Local delivery system
- Psychosocial factors/home environment (when applicable)

Decision Criteria

Administrative

1. Referral by Primary Care Physician along with appropriate supporting medical documentation
2. Services must be performed by a Total Health Care affiliated or contracted physician, hospital, or other provider
3. Prior authorization by Plan’s Medical Director
4. FDA approved penile prosthesis
5. Applies to members with Medicaid and commercial coverage

Clinical

1. Erectile dysfunction due to medical reasons (not all inclusive):
   - Diabetes mellitus
   - Peripheral neuropathy
   - Peripheral vascular disease of the pelvis or extremity
   - Spinal cord injury
   - Pelvic perineal injuries of the genital or urinary tract
   - Arteriosclerosis
   - Endocrine caused related to hypogonadism; hyperprolactinemia; hypothyroidism, and hyperthyroidism)
2. Impotence due to: (not all inclusive)
   a. Radiation therapy due to prostate cancer causing impotence
   b. Postoperative bilateral sympathectomy
3. Post-prostatectomy
4. Post-priapism
5. Epispadias
6. Exstrophy
7. Replacement, repair, or removal of penile prosthesis. Covered when the initial implantation if performed due to the above conditions

Bibliography

1 Health Partners, Penile Implants(Penile Prosthesis), coverage criteria. Number P002-05.  
   [http://ime.healthpartners.com/Menu](http://ime.healthpartners.com/Menu)
2 NCQA 2006 MCOs Accreditation Standards
3 Same as #1