



High Intensity Focused Ultrasound for Prostate Cancer

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Purpose:

The Medical Technology Assessment Committee reviewed published scientific literature and information from appropriate government regulatory bodies (when available) related to High Intensity Focused Ultrasound for Prostate Cancer (HIFU) in order to determine inclusion in the benefit plan.

To provide guidelines for High Intensity Focused Ultrasound (HIFU) for Prostate Cancer for Population Health and Provider Alliances associates for reference when making benefit determinations.

Coverage Guidelines:

A recommendation was made by the MTAC following discussion by committee members based on current literature:

- High Intensity Focused Ultrasound (HIFU) for Prostate Cancer is a covered benefit when used to treat prostate cancer and the following criteria are met:
 - HIFU services are performed at a Center of Excellence.

Disclaimer Information:

Coverage Issues Guidelines and Medical Technology Assessment Recommendations are developed to determine coverage for AvMed's benefits and are published to provide a better understanding of the basis upon which coverage decisions are made. AvMed makes coverage decisions using these guidelines, along with the Member's benefit document. The use of this guideline is neither a guarantee of payment nor a final prediction of how specific claim(s) will be adjudicated.

Coverage Issues Guidelines and Medical Technology Assessment Recommendations are developed for selected therapeutic or diagnostic services found to be safe, but proven effective in a limited, defined population of patients or clinical circumstances. They include concise clinical coverage criteria based on current literature review, consultation with practicing physicians in the AvMed service area who are medical experts in the particular field, FDA and other government agency policies, and standards adopted by national accreditation organizations.

Treating providers are solely responsible for the medical advice and treatment of Members. This guideline may be updated and therefore is subject to change.