

BCBS PBM COVERAGE – MAY 2021

Eighteen BCBS Affiliates now cover Photobiomodulation (PBM)/ Low-level Laser Therapy (LLLT) for oral mucositis (OM).

Here are the policy statements from these affiliates. Policies state either PBM/LLLT, “meets the definition of medical necessity” or “may be considered necessary”:

Low-Level Laser Therapy meets the definition of medical necessity for prevention of oral mucositis in members undergoing cancer treatment associated with increased risk of oral mucositis, including chemotherapy and/or radiotherapy, and/or hematopoietic stem cell transplantation.

Low-Level Laser Therapy may be considered medically necessary for prevention of oral mucositis in patients undergoing cancer treatment associated with increased risk of oral mucositis, including chemotherapy and/or radiotherapy, and/or hematopoietic cell transplantation (see Policy Guidelines).

BCBS Affiliates reference these policy determinations are based upon extensive literature/research review and PICO – Patient/Population intervention comparison and outcomes.

BCBS Affiliates with PBM/LLLT policies:

Arizona

[Password protected link](#)

Arkansas

[abcbs-providers-news-2017-jun.pdf \(arkansasbluecross.com\)](#)

California

[StreamDocumentServlet \(blueshieldca.com\)](#)

Federal Employee Program (FEP)

[8CAE34822B1D4F7A9E1E2D8E0D26D822.pdf \(fepblue.org\)](#)

Florida

[MCG \(bcbsfl.com\)](#)

Kansas

[Low-Level Laser Therapy \(bcbsks.com\)](#)

Louisiana

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Massachusetts

[522 Low Level Laser Therapy \(bluecrossma.com\)](#)

Mississippi

[Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi \(bcbsms.com\)](#)

Nebraska

[BCBSNE Medical Policy \(nebraskablue.com\)](https://www.nebraskablue.com)

New Mexico

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New York - Western

[Low-Level Laser Therapy \(bcbswny.com\)](https://www.bcbswny.com)

New York - Excellus (page 11 of newsletter)

<https://provider.excellusbcbs.com/documents/53971/224494/March+2020+Connection+Newsletter.pdf/238ced65-c441-3e79-e23d-ce275d88072c?t=1582651143710>

Pennsylvania - Capital

[Low Level Laser Therapy \(capbluecross.com\)](https://www.capbluecross.com)

Pennsylvania - Independence

[IBC Medical Policies \(ibx.com\)](https://www.ibx.com)

Regence (Oregon, Utah, Idaho, Washington)

[Low-Level Laser Treatment of Neuromuscular Pain Disorders and Other Miscellaneous Conditions \(regence.com\)](https://www.regence.com)

Rhode Island

[2018 Low Level Laser Therapy.pdf \(bcbsri.com\)](https://www.bcbsri.com)

Capital Advantage

[Low Level Laser Therapy \(capbluecross.com\)](https://www.capbluecross.com)