



Payment Policies

To date, the IAC is aware that the following insurers or companies have adopted reimbursement directives. While the IAC attempts to stay abreast of reimbursement policies as a service to the vein center community, these policies are changed and updated regularly by the insurance carriers. Therefore, the IAC recommends that applicant facilities contact the insurance carriers in their area for the most accurate and current information to ensure compliance with reimbursement requirements at all times. Further questions about IAC accreditation as related to reimbursement may be directed to the IAC via [e-mail](#).

PLEASE NOTE: The policy details within this document detailing accreditation requirements are referenced directly from insurer websites and manuals and are only a portion of the full reimbursement directives, please search for the full policy using the links provided.

AmeriHealth (New Jersey and Pennsylvania)

New accreditation requirement for office-based varicose vein procedures

Effective April 1, 2019, all network providers who perform varicose vein procedures in the office setting will need to obtain accreditation from the [Intersocietal Accreditation Commission \(IAC\) Vein Center](#). This new accreditation requirement will help ensure that providers in the AmeriHealth network meet current standards of care for these procedures.

All network providers who plan to perform or would like to continue performing varicose vein procedures in the office setting must appear on the IAC-approved provider list for Vein Center Accreditation by April 1, 2019, indicating that they have met the IAC standards. Those providers who fail to meet the requirements by this date will *no longer* be reimbursed for varicose vein procedures delivered in the office setting.

For more details, visit the [AmeriHealth website](#)»

BlueCross Blue Shield of Massachusetts

To receive reimbursement, all professional providers, technical providers, and non-hospital-based free-standing facilities must have privileges for the following diagnostic imaging services:

- Angiography, including cardiac catheterization
- Bone densitometry
- CT Scan
- **Endovenous laser treatment**
- Fluoroscopy
- Mammography X-ray
- MRI, including magnetic resonance angiography
- Nuclear cardiology
- Nuclear medicine, including PET scan
- Ultrasound including all vascular ultrasound and echocardiography
- X-ray

BCBS of Massachusetts applies distinct reimbursement criteria to *technical providers* — who *perform* imaging services — and *professional providers* — who *read and interpret* the images.

Apply to provide technical services:

- You can apply to be reimbursed for costs for owning, leasing, or use of diagnostic imaging for the services listed below.
- Complete a separate application for each location where you own, lease, or otherwise incur the full usage cost of diagnostic imaging equipment for any of the modalities listed below.
- If there are changes to the diagnostic imaging equipment or service site information, submit a new copy of the application with an explanation attached.

For the following modalities, use the [TDI Privileging Application](#):

Note from IAC: Only the modalities that require IAC accreditation are listed below, for full listing of requirements by modality, please visit the [BCBSMA website](#).

Modality	Technical requirements
Cardiac CT Scan	Accreditation from IAC CT or ACR
Endovenous Laser Treatment	<i>Free-standing facility and hospitals</i> Accreditation from IAC Vein Center
Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)	Accreditation from IAC MRI or ACR
Ultrasound, Vascular	Accreditation from IAC Vascular Testing or ACR

For complete requirements, visit <https://provider.bluecrossma.com> click on Office Resources>> Enrollment>> Privileging.

Independence Blue Cross Group (Philadelphia and Southeastern PA)

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For more details, visit the [Independence Blue Cross website](#)»