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**POLICY LAST UPDATED:** 04|20|2022

### OVERVIEW

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has created HCPCS Level II code C9507 for COVID-19 convalescent plasma for use in the outpatient or inpatient setting.

BCBSRI reserves the right to implement changes to this policy without the contractual sixty-day (60) notification that is normally required under BCBSRI contracts with its providers due to the urgent nature of a pandemic related service.

### MEDICAL CRITERIA

Not applicable

### PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

Not applicable

### POLICY STATEMENT

#### Medicare Advantage Plans and Commercial Products

BCBSRI will adhere to CMS claims filing guidelines for convalescent plasma. See Coding section for details.

### COVERAGE

Benefits may vary between groups/contracts. Please refer to the appropriate Benefit Booklet, Evidence of Coverage, or Subscriber Agreement for applicable contraceptive drugs and devices coverage/benefits.

### BACKGROUND

On December 28, 2021 the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) revised the [emergency use authorization](#) for COVID-19 convalescent plasma with high titers of anti-SARS-CoV-2 antibodies. It's authorized for treatment of COVID-19 in patients with immunosuppressive disease or getting immunosuppressive treatment, in the outpatient or inpatient setting.

### CODING

#### Medicare Advantage Plans and Commercial Products

<u>Convalescent Plasma for COVID-19 HCPCS Code</u>	<u>Medicare Advantage Plans</u>	<u>Commercial Products</u>
C9507, Fresh frozen plasma, high titer COVID-19 convalescent, frozen within 8 hours of collection, each unit	Covered and Separately Reimbursed	Covered and Separately Reimbursed

### RELATED POLICIES

TEMPORARY Cost Share Waiver for Treatment of Confirmed Cases of COVID-19

### PUBLISHED

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## REFERENCES:

<https://www.fda.gov/media/141477/download>

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/HospitalOutpatientPPS>

<https://www.aapc.com/blog/84028-code-c9507-for-convalescent-plasma/>

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