Coverage Summary

Cryosurgery for Prostate Cancer

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Related Medicare Advantage Policy Guideline: Cryosurgery of Prostate (NCD 230.9)

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I. COVERAGE

Coverage Statement: Cryosurgery for prostate cancer is covered when Medicare criteria are met.

Guidelines/Notes:
1. Cryosurgery is covered as primary treatment of prostate cancer for patient with clinically localized prostate cancer, Stages T1-T3.
2. Cryosurgery as salvage therapy after radiation is covered when:
   a. Have failed a trial of radiation therapy as their primary treatment; and
   b. Meet one of the following conditions:
      • Stage T2B or below
      • Gleason score <9, PSA <8 ng/mL.
3. Cryosurgery as salvage therapy is therefore not covered after failure of other therapies as the primary treatment. Cryosurgery as salvage is only covered after the failure of a trial of radiation therapy, under the conditions noted above.

See the NCD for Cryosurgery of Prostate (230.9). (Accessed July 7, 2017)

II. DEFINITIONS
Cryosurgery of the Prostate Gland: Also known as cryosurgical ablation of the prostate (CSAP) destroys prostate tissue by applying extremely cold temperatures in order to reduce the size of the prostate gland. *NCD for Cryosurgery of Prostate (230.9)*. *(Accessed July 7, 2017)*

### III. REFERENCES

See above

### IV. REVISION HISTORY

- **07/17/2016** Annual review; no updates.
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- **08/20/2012** Annual review; no updates.
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