



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)

Accreditation requirement for office-based varicose vein procedures

As previously communicated through a series of Partners in Health Update articles, all network offices that perform varicose vein procedures **must obtain office-level accreditation from the [Intersocietal Accreditation Commission \(IAC\) Vein Center](#) as of June 1, 2019**. This new accreditation requirement helps ensure that offices in the AmeriHealth network meet current standards of care for these procedures.

As of June 1, 2019, all network offices that plan to perform or would like to continue performing varicose vein procedures must appear on the IAC-approved list for Vein Center Accreditation indicating that they have met the IAC standards. Those offices that failed to meet the requirements **will no longer be reimbursed** for varicose vein procedures. If a provider plans to perform varicose vein procedures in multiple office locations, then each location must be separately accredited.

Claims for dates of service on or after June 1, 2019, from offices that do not meet the above requirements will be denied with a R9015 rejection code:

According to the contracting provider agreement, this service is not an approved contracting service. Therefore, no payment is being made. The charge should be resubmitted with a valid contracting service reported. Electronically enabled providers should resubmit electronically.

Accreditation Process

Offices seeking accreditation through the IAC should prepare and submit their applications using the [IAC online accreditation portal](#). The application process for accreditation takes time and requires proper planning, organization, attention to detail, and resources.

Offices that wish to participate in the IAC Standards for Vein Center accreditation process are encouraged to first view the current [IAC Standards for Vein Center Accreditation: Superficial Venous Evaluation and Management](#) document.

To learn more about the IAC Vein Center accreditation program, please visit the [IAC website](#) or call 1-800-838-2110 .

More Information

If you have additional questions, please email us at qualitymanagement@amerihealth.com. Be sure to include your name, contact number, and provider ID number in your email.

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

BCBS 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
- Bone Densitometry
- Cardiac CT Scan
- **Endovenous Laser Treatment**
- Fluoroscopy
- Mammography
- MRI
- Nuclear Medicine, including PET scan
- Ultrasound (general, breast, vascular, thyroid)
- 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](#):

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

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](#).

Independence Blue Cross Group (Philadelphia and Southeastern PA)

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