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Transition to AIM Rehabilitative Services Clinical Appropriateness Guidelines

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Effective October 1, 2020, Empire BlueCross BlueShield will transition the clinical criteria for medical necessity review of certain rehabilitative services to AIM Specialty Health® *Rehabilitative Service Clinical Appropriateness Guidelines* as part of the AIM rehabilitation program. Reviewed services will include certain physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy services.

As part of this transition of clinical criteria, the following procedures will be subject to prior authorization as part of the AIM rehabilitation program:

CPT® code	Description
90901	Biofeedback training by any modality (when done for medically necessary indications)
90912	Biofeedback training for bowel or bladder control, initial 15 minutes
90913	Biofeedback training for bowel or bladder control, additional 15 minutes
96001	Three-dimensional, video-taped, computer-based gait analysis during walking
0552T	Low-level laser therapy, dynamic photonic and dynamic thermokinetic energies, provided by a physician or other qualified health care professional
S8940	Therapeutic horseback riding, per session
S8948	Treatment with low level laser (phototherapy) each 15 minutes
S9090	Vertebral axial decompression (lumbar traction), per session
20560	Needle insertion(s) without injection(s), 1 or 2 muscle(s)
20561	Needle insertion(s) without injection(s), 3 or more muscle(s)
97129	One-on-one therapeutic interventions focused on thought processing and strategies to manage activities
97130	Each additional 15 minutes (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure.)
92606	Therapeutic services for use of non-speech-generating device with programming
92609	Therapeutic services for use of speech-generating device with programming
92630	Hearing training and therapy for hearing loss prior to learning to speak

The following procedure will be removed from the program:

- S9117: Back school, per visit

As a reminder, ordering and servicing providers may submit prior authorization requests to AIM in one of several ways:

- Access AIM's **ProviderPortal**_{SM} directly at <https://providerportal.com>. Online access is available 24/7 to process orders in real-time, and is the fastest and most convenient way to request authorization.
- Access AIM via the Availity Portal* at <https://www.availity.com>.

- Call the AIM Contact Center toll-free number at **1-800-714-0040** from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Eastern time.

If you have questions related to guidelines, please contact AIM via email at aim.guidelines@aimspecialtyhealth.com. Additionally, you may access and download a copy of the current and upcoming guidelines at <https://aimproviders.com/rehabilitation>.

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