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## Coverage requirements revised for implantable infusion pump

Effective September 1, 2014, the Indiana Healthcare Coverage Programs (IHCP) will no longer require a preliminary placebo trial before implanting an infusion pump for intrathecally administered opioid drugs (for example, morphine).

All other coverage requirements remain in effect, and related documentation must be kept on file. These requirements are:

- An appropriate ICD-9-CM diagnosis
- Full awareness on the part of the member and the person responsible for the member of the risks and benefits of the surgery, including the provider's mortality and morbidity experience
- A documented medical history of less-invasive medical therapy that was tried and failed

This service does not require prior authorization (PA) in the fee-for-service (FFS) delivery system. Individual managed care entities (MCEs) establish and publish PA criteria in the risk-based managed care (RBMC) delivery system.

Questions regarding RBMC PA should be directed to the MCE with which the member is enrolled.

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