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Enhanced External Counterpulsation (EECP)

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Covered Service: Yes

Prior Authorization Required: No

Additional Information: None

Prevea360 Health Plan Medical Policy:

- 1.0 The use of an FDA approved enhanced external counterpulsation (EECP) device **does not** require prior authorization and is considered medically necessary when **ALL** of the following criteria are met:
 - 1.1 Member has disabling chronic stable angina (Grade III or IV; See Table 1, Canadian Cardiovascular Society Classification or equivalent classification); **AND**
 - 1.2 Member is on maximal medical therapy; **AND**
 - 1.3 Member's disease is not readily amenable to surgical interventions (including but not limited to angioplasty or revascularization), as demonstrated by **ANY** of the following:
 - 1.3.1 Member's condition is inoperable, or there is high risk or operative complications or post-operative failure; **OR**
 - 1.3.2 Member's coronary anatomy is not readily amenable to such procedures; **OR**
 - 1.3.3 Member has co-morbid status which create excessive risk.
- 2.0 All other indications are considered experimental and investigational, and therefore not medically necessary, including the use of enhanced external counterpulsation for heart failure.

Table 1: Canadian Cardiovascular Society grading of angina pectoris:

- Grade I: Ordinary physical activity does not cause angina, such as walking and climbing stairs. Angina with strenuous or rapid prolonged exertion at work or recreation.
- Grade II: Slight limitation of ordinary activity. Walking or climbing stairs rapidly, walking uphill, walking or stair climbing after meals, or in cold, or in wind, or under emotional stress, or only during the few hours after awakening. Walking more than two blocks on the level and climbing more than one flight of ordinary stairs at a normal pace and in normal conditions.

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- Grade III: Marked limitation of ordinary physical activity. Walking one or two blocks on level surfaces and climbing one flight of stairs in normal conditions at a normal pace.
- Grade IV: Inability to carry on any physical activity without discomfort, anginal syndrome may be present at rest

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