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## Medical Advisory Committee (MAC)

August 4, 2005  
(Consent Ballot – No Meeting Held)

Changes resulting from August 2005 MAC will be effective November 1, 2005.

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**Orthopedic Liaison (January 5, 2005) and Anesthesia Liaison (May 10, 2005)****Regional Nerve Blocks and General Anesthesia**

A new medical policy on Regional Nerve Blocks and General Anesthesia has been developed and can be viewed at:

[BCBSKS - Provider Publications - Blue Shield Medical Policies](#)

**Cardiology Liaison (April 27, 2005)****Cardiovascular MRI and MRA**

Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance Imaging (CV MRI) and Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance Angiography (CV MRA) have been added to the experimental/investigational list for the following indications.

- CV MRI as a screening test
- CV MRA for diagnosis and screening

**CT Coronary Artery Scans**

The Cardiology Liaison Committee concurred with the previously published opinion that Computerized Tomography (CT) Coronary Artery Scans are experimental/investigational.

The experimental/investigational list can be viewed at:

[BCBSKS - Provider Publications - Blue Shield Medical Review - Experimental/Investigational Services](#)

**Optometric Liaison (May 26, 2005)****Sensorimotor and Neurobehavioral Status Exams**

A new medical policy on Sensorimotor and Neurobehavioral Status Exams, specific to optometric providers, has been developed and can be viewed at:

[BCBSKS - Provider Publications - Blue Shield Medical Policies](#)