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The topics listed above have either new or revised policies (as noted on the following page) resulting from November 2005 MAC. All changes will be effective February 1, 2006.

The topics in this newsletter are available at www.bcbsks.com by clicking on Providers, Publications, Medical Review. In addition, their respective Web links are indicated on page 2.

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Cardiology (April 27, 2005)**Ambulatory Event Monitors (AEM) – new policy**

http://www.bcbsks.com/providers/publications/professional/med_review/policies/123005_AmbulatoryEventMonitors.pdf

Ophthalmology Liaison (Consent Ballot May 4, 2005)/Optometry Liaison (May 26, 2005)**Pachymetry – new policy**

http://www.bcbsks.com/providers/publications/professional/med_review/policies/123005_Pachymetry.pdf

Otolaryngology Liaison (September 14, 2005)**Cochlear Implants – new policy**

http://www.bcbsks.com/providers/publications/professional/med_review/policies/123005_CochlearImplant.pdf

Laser Assisted Uvulopalatopharyngoplasty (LAUP) – revised policy

http://www.bcbsks.com/providers/publications/professional/med_review/policies/123005_LAUP.pdf

Uvulopalatopharyngoplasty (UPPP) and Tongue Base Reduction Surgery – revised policy

http://www.bcbsks.com/providers/publications/professional/med_review/policies/123005_UPPP.pdf

Surgery Liaison (August 17, 2005)**BRCA I and BRCA II Testing – revised policy**

http://www.bcbsks.com/providers/publications/professional/med_review/policies/123005_BRCA_IandII.pdf

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Breast – revised policy

http://www.bcbsks.com/providers/publications/professional/med_review/policies/123005_MRI_Breast.pdf

Vacuum Assisted Wound Closure (VAC) – revised policy

http://www.bcbsks.com/providers/publications/professional/med_review/policies/123005_VAC.pdf

Urology Liaison (August 24, 2005)**Botox for Overactive Bladder – added to Botulinum Toxin policy as Experimental/Investigational**

http://www.bcbsks.com/providers/publications/professional/med_review/policies/123005_Botox.pdf

Deflux Injection for Vesicoureteral Reflux (VUR) – new policy

http://www.bcbsks.com/providers/publications/professional/med_review/policies/123005_DefluxForVUR.pdf

Water Induced Thermotherapy for Benign Prostate Hypertrophy (BPH) – new policy

http://www.bcbsks.com/providers/publications/professional/med_review/policies/123005_WaterInducedThermotherapyBPH.pdf