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## Medical Advisory Committee (MAC) April 19, 2007

Results from April 2007 MAC are outlined on the following page in chronological order according to liaison date. Changes are effective July 1, 2007, unless otherwise noted. Detailed information is available on our Web site under Providers, Publications, Medical Review or the link below:  
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**Ophthalmology Liaison (consent ballot October 2006)****Scanning Laser Ophthalmoscopy (SLO) Test for Glaucoma and Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT) for Retinal Conditions**

This medical policy has been revised.

**Orthopedic Liaison (January 10, 2007)****Continuous Passive Motion (CPM) for Home Use**

This medical policy has been revised.

**Intra-articular Hyaluronan Injections for Osteoarthritis of the Knee**

This medical policy has been revised.

**Meniscal Allograft Transplantation**

This procedure is considered experimental/investigational.

**Chiropractic Liaison (January 25, 2007)**

This meeting consisted of general discussion and informational items only.

**Podiatry Liaison (February 8, 2007)**

This meeting consisted of general discussion and informational items only.

**Oncology Liaison (February 20, 2007)****Gene Expression Assay for Breast Cancer Treatment**

This is a new medical policy.

**Radiology Liaison (February 28, 2007)****Computerized Tomography (CT) Coronary Artery Scans**

This item, which is on the Experimental/Investigational Services list, was renamed Coronary Computerized Tomographic Angiography as a Component of Cardiac Tomography (CT) and Computerized Tomography (CT) Coronary Artery Scans.

**Extracranial Carotid Angioplasty/Stenting**

A new medical policy has been developed for this procedure, which was previously considered Experimental/Investigational.

**High Dose Rate (HDR) Breast Brachytherapy with HDR Radioactive Source via MammoSite Catheter**

A new medical policy has been developed for this procedure, which was previously considered Experimental/Investigational.

**Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) and Computer Assisted Detection (CAD)**

This procedure is considered Experimental/Investigational.

**Virtual Colonoscopy**

A new medical policy has been developed for this procedure, which was previously considered Experimental/Investigational.