

PROVIDER NOTIFICATION OF POLICY CRITERIA CHANGE					
POLICY TITLE	POLICY NUMBER	CRITERIA CHANGE	MATERIAL AMEUREMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE	LINK TO FULL POLICY
Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT), Breast	2009036	<p>Coverage criteria updated with the following criteria for Whole Breast Irradiation (WBI) and Breast Boost Irradiation</p> <p>Whole breast irradiation (WBI) should be done in 15-16 fractions.</p> <p>Whole breast irradiation (WBI) – 17 to 28 fractions of WBI are appropriate only for individuals who meet ANY one of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lymph node involvement requiring treatment of the supraclavicular or internal mammary nodal regions • Mastectomy or breast reconstruction have been performed • Treatment will be delivered with 3D conformal radiotherapy and the treatment plan results in dose inhomogeneity where breast tissue is receiving > 105% of the prescription dose. • Concurrent chemotherapy will be administered (does not include trastuzumab or endocrine therapy) <p>For individuals not meeting one of these criteria, up to 16 fractions of WBI are considered medically necessary.</p> <p>Breast boost irradiation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An additional boost of up to 8 fractions is appropriate when the individual has fulfilled the above criteria for 17-28 fractions of WBI • For individuals not meeting the above criteria, an additional boost of up to 5 fractions is appropriate 	YES	09/01/2026	https://secure.arkansasbluecross.com/members/report.aspx?policyNumber=2009036