

## Chapter 4

## Section 9.2

# Photopheresis

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### 1.0 CPT<sup>1</sup> PROCEDURE CODE

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### 2.0 DESCRIPTION

Photopheresis is a type of plasmapheresis during which white blood cells and some plasma is exposed to Ultraviolet (UV) light before being returned to the patient.

### 3.0 POLICY

Photopheresis is covered for the following:

**3.1** The treatment of skin manifestations of Cutaneous T-Cell Lymphoma (CTCL) in persons who have not been responsive to other forms of treatment.

**3.2** The prevention of rejection in cardiac transplantation.

**3.3** Extracorporeal photopheresis for the treatment of Bronchiolitis Obliterans Syndrome (BOS) that is refractory to immunosuppressive drug treatment may be considered for cost-sharing under the rare disease policy as described in [Chapter 1, Section 3.1](#).

**3.4** For other indications when reliable evidence supports that photopheresis is safe, effective and comparable or superior to standard care (proven).

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