



Abortion Checklist

Certification of Medical Necessity form completed to include:

- Date abortion performed
- Member full name
- Member BlueCare/TennCare>Select ID number
- Condition
- Member complete address
- Physician signature
- Physician name, Social Security Number and address
- Supporting documentation

NOTE: Form may be typed or handwritten; however, the Physician's signature **must** be in his/her own handwriting – a stamped signature is **not** acceptable. **All fields on the consent form must be legible.**

History and physical

Operative report

Pathology Report

Ultrasound report of fetal demise (if applicable)

Elective abortions are not covered under BlueCare or TennCare>Select. The following are examples of conditions, which may allow VSHP to cover the cost of an abortion if the member's life is endangered:

- Injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident
- Severe maternal cardiac disease
- Thromboembolic disease
- Severe hypertension
- Genital, urinary tract, or pelvic infection
- Delayed or excessive hemorrhage
- Renal failure
- Damage to pelvic organs or tissues
- Metabolic disorder
- Shock (includes septic and endotoxic)
- Embolism
- Maternal coma

Ectopic and molar (hydatidiform) pregnancies

Previously failed attempted abortion

Rectal cancer and/or invasive cancer of the cervix warrant immediate removal of the malignancy and often require hysterectomy or whole pelvis radiation and, if diagnosed early in the pregnancy, may require abortion of fetus.

Abortion in the case of pregnancy resulting from an act of rape or incest requires:

- Documentation from a law enforcement agency indicating the member has made a credible report as the victim of incest or rape;
- Documentation from a public health agency, Department of Human Services, or Counseling Agency (such as Rape Crisis Center) indicating the member has made a credible report as the victim of incest or rape; or
- Documentation by the treating practitioner that the member was unable, for physical or psychological reasons, to comply with the reporting requirement.

NOTE: Medical records documenting the life-saving nature of the abortion must be submitted with the claim.

