



MONTANA HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS NOTICE

March 14, 2018

Outpatient Hospital, Critical Access Hospital, IDTF, Physician, and Mid-Level Providers

Effective April 1, 2018

Criteria for MRI of the Brain

Effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2018, the Department will adopt the InterQual clinical criteria for Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) of the Brain (CPT 70551, 70552, and 70553). Providers are required to ensure the service provided meets InterQual criteria. MRI of the Brain will continue to be reimbursed by Montana Healthcare programs for a majority of clinically appropriate diagnoses, see table below. Medical records do not need to be submitted with the claim, however the records must reflect the medical necessity of the service.

Descriptions
Absence epileptic syndrome, intractable
Absence epileptic syndrome, not intractable
Acute cerebrovascular insufficiency
Altered mental status
Arhinencephaly
Arnold-Chiari syndrome with hydrocephalus
Arnold-Chiari syndrome with spina bifida
Arnold-Chiari syndrome with spina bifida and hydrocephalus
Arteriovenous malformation of cerebral vessels
Bacterial meningitis
Bacterial meningoencephalitis and meningomyelitis
Benign neoplasm of cranial nerves
Benign neoplasm of the brain
Carotid artery syndrome
Cerebral aneurysm, nonruptured
Cerebral atherosclerosis
Cerebral infarction due to embolism of cerebral arteries
Cerebral infarction due to embolism of unspecified carotid artery embolism of unspecified carotid artery
Cerebral infarction due to embolism of unspecified vertebral artery
Cerebral infarction due to thrombosis of cerebral arteries
Cerebral infarction due to thrombosis of unspecified vertebral artery
Cerebral infarction due to unspecified occlusion or stenosis of cerebral arteries
Cerebral infarction due to unspecified occlusion or stenosis of precerebral arteries
Cerebral ischemia
Concussion, initial encounter
Congenital cerebral cysts
Congenital herpesviral infection

Descriptions
Congenital hydrocephalus
Contusion and laceration of cerebrum, initial encounter
Contusion, laceration, and hemorrhage of brainstem, initial encounter
Contusion, laceration, and hemorrhage of cerebellum, initial encounter
Degenerative disease of nervous system, unspecified
Delirium due to known physiological condition
Dementia in other disease classified elsewhere
Epidural hemorrhage, initial encounter
Epilepsy, unspecified
Epileptic seizures related to external causes, not intractable
Epileptic spasms
Generalized idiopathic epilepsy and epileptic syndromes, not intractable
Generalized idiopathic epilepsy and epileptic syndromes, with status epilepticus
Hallervorden-Spatz disease
Holoprosencephaly
Huntington's disease
Hydrocephalus
Intracranial abscess and granuloma
Intracranial and intraspinal phlebitis and thrombophlebitis
Localization-related (focal)(partial) symptomatic epilepsy and epileptic syndromes with complex partial seizures, intractable
Localization-related (focal)(partial) symptomatic epilepsy and epileptic syndromes with complex partial seizures, not intractable
Localization-related (focal)(partial) symptomatic epilepsy and epileptic syndromes with simple partial seizures, intractable
Localization-related (focal)(partial) symptomatic epilepsy and epileptic syndromes with simple partial seizures, not intractable
Malignant neoplasm of brain
Megalencephaly
Meningitis
Microcephaly
Neonatal cerebral depression
Neonatal coma
Neoplasm of uncertain behavior of the brain
Neoplasm of uncertain behavior of the spinal cord
Neoplasm of unspecified behavior of the brain
Neuroleptic induced parkinsonism
Nontraumatic intracerebral hemorrhage
Nontraumatic subarachnoid hemorrhage
Open wound to the head, initial encounter
Other and unspecified nontraumatic intracranial hemorrhage
Other atypical virus infections of the central nervous system
Other cerebrovascular disease
Other cerebrovascular vasospasm and vasoconstriction
Other drug induced secondary parkinsonism
Other epilepsy, intractable, without status epilepticus
Other epilepsy, not intractable, without status epilepticus

Descriptions
Other generalized epilepsy and epileptic syndromes, intractable
Other generalized epilepsy and epileptic syndromes, not intractable
Other lack of coordination
Other malformations of cerebral vessels
Other reduction deformities of brain
Other secondary parkinsonism
Other specified congenital malformations of the brain
Other specified degenerative diseases of basal ganglia
Other Specified degenerative diseases of nervous system
Other specified degenerative disorders of nervous system in disease classified elsewhere
Other specified intracranial injuries, initial encounter
Other transient cerebral ischemic attacks and related syndromes
Other viral encephalitis
Parkinson's disease
Postviral fatigue syndrome
Presence of cerebrospinal fluid drainage device
Progressive supranuclear ophthalmoplegia
Pulmonary cryptococcosis
Sarcoidosis of other sites
Secondary malignant neoplasm of the brain
Spina bifida with hydrocephalus
Stereotyped movement disorder(s)
Striatonigral degeneration
Symptomatic neurosyphilis
Systemic lupus erythematosus, organ or system involvement unspecified
Transient cerebral ischemic attack
Traumatic cerebral edema, initial encounter
Traumatic hemorrhage of cerebrum, initial encounter
Traumatic subarachnoid hemorrhage, initial encounter
Traumatic subdural hemorrhage, initial encounter
Unspecified convulsions
Unspecified dementia
Unspecified intracranial injury, initial encounter
Unspecified viral encephalitis
Unspecified viral infection of the central nervous system
Vascular dementia
Vascular headache, not elsewhere specified
Vertebro-basilar artery syndrome
Vestibular neuronitis, bilateral
Viral meningitis

A prior authorization is required when a MRI of the brain is ordered for a headache or malaise/fatigue. Please fax the prior authorization requests to MPQH at (877) 443-2580 (long-distance) or (406) 513-1923 (local), or mail to 3404 Cooney Drive, Helena, MT 59602.

All other conditions are considered not covered. If your claim is denied and you believe InterQual criteria has been satisfied, please fax the claim with supporting medical documentation to MPQH at (877) 443-2580 (long-distance) or (406) 513-1923 (local), or mail to 3404 Cooney Drive, Helena, MT 59602.

Contact Information

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Critical Access Hospital Program Officer – (406) 444-4834

Physician/Mid-Level Program Officer – (406) 444-3995

[For additional information, contact Montana Provider Relations at \(800\) 624-3958 or \(406\) 442-1837 or email \[MTPRHelpdesk@conduent.com\]\(mailto:MTPRHelpdesk@conduent.com\).](#)

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