



MONTANA HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS NOTICE

February 15, 2019

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

Effective April 1, 2018

UPDATED

Systematic Approval Diagnosis for MRI of the Head and CT of the Brain

Effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2018, the Department will adopt the InterQual clinical criteria CPT 70450, 70460, 70470, 70551, 70552, and 70553. Providers are required to ensure the service provided meets InterQual criteria. The CPT codes above are eligible for reimbursement by Montana Healthcare programs for the clinically appropriate diagnoses below. Medical records do not need to be submitted with the claim, however the records must reflect the medical necessity of the service.

A prior authorization is required if the primary or sole diagnosis code for the MRI of the Head or CT of the Brain is a headache or migraine.

Please fax 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, 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.

Description
Absence epileptic syndrome, intractable
Absence epileptic syndrome, not intractable
Acute cerebrovascular insufficiency
Altered mental status
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
Cerebellar (nontraumatic) and posterior fossa hemorrhage of newborn
Cerebral atherosclerosis
Cerebral hemorrhage due to birth injury
Cerebral infarction due to embolism of cerebral arteries

Description
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 herpes viral infection
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
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
HIV
Huntington's disease
Hydrocephalus
Intracerebral (nontraumatic) hemorrhage of newborn
Intracranial (nontraumatic) hemorrhage of newborn, unspecified
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
Megalocephaly
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

Description
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
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 secondary parkinsonism
Other specified congenital malformations of the brain
Other specified intracranial injuries, initial encounter
Other transient cerebral ischemic attacks and related syndromes
Other viral encephalitis
Other viral infections of the central nervous system
Parkinson's disease
Post-viral fatigue syndrome
Pulmonary cryptococcosis
Sarcoidosis of other sites
Secondary malignant neoplasm of the brain
Spina bifida with hydrocephalus
Stereotyped movement disorder(s)
Subarachnoid hemorrhage due to birth injury
Subdural hemorrhage due to birth injury
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 intracranial laceration and hemorrhage due to birth injury
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

Description
Viral meningitis

Contact Information

Hospital Program Officer – (406) 444-4834

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

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