Coverage Summary

Carotid Procedures and Testing

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Related Medicare Advantage Policy Guidelines:
- Carotid Body Resection/Carotid Body Denervation (NCD 20.18)
- Noninvasive Tests of Carotid Function (NCD 20.17)

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I. COVERAGE

Coverage Statement: Carotid procedures and testing are covered when Medicare coverage criteria are met.

Guidelines/Notes:
1. Carotid Body Resection
   Carotid body resection is covered when criteria are met. See the NCD for Carotid Body Resection/Carotid Body Denervation (20.18). (Accessed June 3, 2019)

2. Non-invasive Test of Carotid Function (Direct and Indirect)
   Non-invasive test of carotid function (direct and indirect) is covered when criteria are met. See the NCD for Noninvasive Tests of Carotid Function (20.17) for coverage guideline. (Accessed June 3, 2019)
Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) and Local Coverage Articles (LCAs) exist and compliance with these policies is required where applicable. These LCDs/LCAs are available at http://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/overview-and-quick-search.aspx. (Accessed June 3, 2019)

II. DEFINITIONS

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See above

IV. REVISION HISTORY

06/18/2019  Guideline 1 (Carotid Body Resection)
- Removed detailed coverage guidelines [duplicative to the language outlined in the referenced National Coverage Determination (NCD) for Carotid Body Resection/Carotid Body Denervation (20.18)]

Guideline 2 [Non-invasive Test of Carotid Function (Direct and Indirect)]
- Removed references to specific Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs)/Local Coverage Articles (LCAs) (refer to the Medicare Coverage Database for applicable LCDs/LCAs)