Coverage Summary

Fabric Wrapping of Abdominal Aneurysms

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I. COVERAGE

Coverage Statement: Fabric wrap for abdominal aneurysms is not a covered benefit. Medicare statement: This procedure has not been shown to prevent eventual rupture.

Guidelines/Notes:

1. In extremely rare instances, external wall reinforcement may be indicated when the current accepted treatment (excision of the aneurysm and reconstruction with synthetic materials) is not a viable alternative, **but external wall reinforcement is not fabric wrapping.** See the **NCD the Fabric Wrap for Abdominal Aneurysms (20.23)** (Accessed June 27, 2018)

II. DEFINITIONS

III. REFERENCES

See above
IV. REVISION HISTORY

04/01/2019  Updated policy introduction; added language to clarify:
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