

Peer Specialty: Neurology
Patient Annual Cost

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There are 2 methods used to determine if costs from an eligible treatment episode are included. The method used depends on the condition and the physician's specialty.

- **Always include:** Include regardless of the attributed physician's level of treatment of the patient's condition
- **Include if involved:** Include if the attributed physician is responsible for at least 50% of the costs

Condition	Always include	Include if involved
Alzheimer's Disease	X	
Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis*	X	
Anxiety Disorder or Phobias		X
Attention Deficit Disorder*		X
Autoimmune Rheumatologic Diseases, except Lupus*		X
Carpal Tunnel Syndrome		X
Carpal Tunnel Syndrome, with Surgery		X
Cerebral Vascular Disease	X	
Cerebral Vascular Disease, with Percutaneous Intervention	X	
Cerebral Vascular Disease, with Surgery	X	
Complex Regional Pain Syndrome		X
Complex Regional Pain Syndrome, with Percutaneous Intervention		X
Complex Regional Pain Syndrome, with Surgery		X
Conditional Exam		X
Congenital Disorders of Central Nervous System		X
Congenital Disorders of Central Nervous System, with Percutaneous Intervention		X
Congenital Disorders of Central Nervous System, with Surgery		X
Congenital Disorders of Peripheral Nerves*		X
Congenital Disorders of Peripheral Nerves, with Percutaneous Intervention*		X
Congenital Disorders of Peripheral Nerves, with Surgery*		X
Diabetes*		X
Diabetes, with Surgery*		X
Epilepsy*	X	
Epilepsy, with Surgery*	X	
Hearing Disorders - Single Side		X
Hearing Disorders, with Surgery - Single Side		X
Hereditary and Degenerative Diseases of Central Nervous System, Other		X
Hereditary and Degenerative Diseases of Central Nervous System, Other, with Surgery		X

Condition	Always include	Include if involved
Hypertension		X
Inflammation of Central Nervous System, Other	X	
Inflammation of Central Nervous System, Other, with Percutaneous Intervention	X	
Inflammation of Central Nervous System, Other, with Surgery	X	
Inflammation of Cranial Nerves	X	
Inflammation of Cranial Nerves, with Percutaneous Intervention	X	
Inflammation of Cranial Nerves, with Surgery	X	
Inflammation of Non-Cranial Nerves, except Carpal Tunnel*	X	
Inflammation of Non-Cranial Nerves, except Carpal Tunnel, with Percutaneous Intervention*	X	
Inflammation of Non-Cranial Nerves, except Carpal Tunnel, with Surgery*	X	
Inflammatory Eye Disease*		X
Inflammatory Eye Disease, with Surgery*		X
Joint Degeneration, Localized, Back - Single Side		X
Joint Degeneration, Localized, Back, with Percutaneous Intervention - Single Side		X
Joint Degeneration, Localized, Back, with Surgery - Single Side		X
Joint Degeneration, Localized, Neck		X
Joint Degeneration, Localized, Neck, with Percutaneous Intervention		X
Joint Degeneration, Localized, Neck, with Surgery		X
Low Back Pain Syndrome		X
Low Back Pain Syndrome, with Percutaneous Intervention		X
Low Back Pain Syndrome, with Surgery		X
Malignant Neoplasm of Central Nervous System	X	
Malignant Neoplasm of Central Nervous System, with Endoscopic Intervention	X	
Malignant Neoplasm of Central Nervous System, with Percutaneous Intervention	X	
Malignant Neoplasm of Central Nervous System, with Surgery	X	
Migraine Headache*	X	
Mood Disorder, Depressed*		X
Neurological Diseases Signs and Symptoms	X	
Non-Malignant Neoplasm of Central Nervous System		X
Non-Malignant Neoplasm of Central Nervous System, with Percutaneous Intervention		X
Non-Malignant Neoplasm of Central Nervous System, with Surgery		X
Nutritional Deficiency		X
Obesity*		X
Obstructive Sleep Apnea		X
Obstructive Sleep Apnea, with Endoscopic Intervention		X
Obstructive Sleep Apnea, with Surgery		X

Condition	Always include	Include if involved
Orthopedic Signs and Symptoms, Back		X
Orthopedic Signs and Symptoms, Neck		X
Orthopedic Signs and Symptoms, Neck, with Surgery		X
Other Disorders of Ear/Nose/Throat		X
Other Disorders of Ear/Nose/Throat, with Endoscopic Intervention		X
Other Disorders of Ear/Nose/Throat, with Surgery		X
Other Neurological Diseases		X
Other Neurological Diseases, with Percutaneous Intervention		X
Other Neurological Diseases, with Surgery		X
Other Sleep Disorders*		X
Other Sleep Disorders, with Surgery*		X
Parkinson's Disease*	X	
Parkinson's Disease, with Surgery*	X	
Routine Exam		X
Visual Disturbances - Single Side		X
Visual Disturbances, with Surgery - Single Side		X

*Episodes for these conditions are excluded for patients whose pharmacy cost data is not available.

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