

Contractor's Policy Number

97-11-R4

Contractor Name

CareFirst of Maryland Inc., Medicare Part A

Contractor Number

00190

Contractor Type

Fiscal Intermediary

LMRP Title

Prothrombin Time

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- Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, section 1862 (a) (1) (A). This section allows coverage and payment for only those services that are considered to be medically reasonable and necessary for the diagnosis or treatment of illness or injury or to improve the functioning of a malformed body member.

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Maryland

Washington, DC

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Region III

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Northeast

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LMRP Description

Prothrombin time is the time required for a particular specimen of prothrombin to induce blood plasma clotting under standard conditions, in comparison with a baseline time of between 11.5 and 12 seconds for normal human blood.

Indications and Limitations of Coverage and/or Medical Necessity

- Prothrombin time is performed to evaluate:
 - The extrinsic coagulation system;
 - The deficiency of prothrombin;
 - Dysfibrinogenemia;
 - Afibrinogenemia (complete)
 - The effectiveness of anticoagulation drug therapy (i.e., coumadin or warfarin);
 - Heart failure causing liver abnormalities and liver disease;
 - Disseminated Intravascular Coagulation (DIC); and
 - Vitamin K deficiency

CPT/HCPCS Section & Benefit Category

Pathology and Laboratory/Hematology and Coagulation

Type of Bill Code

13X, 14X, 83X

Revenue Code

30X

CPT/HCPCS Codes

85610 Prothrombin time

ICD-9-CM Code(s) that Support Medical Necessity

Covered for:

070.0	Viral hepatitis A with hepatic coma
070.1	Viral hepatitis A without mention of hepatic coma
070.20	Viral hepatitis B with hepatic coma, acute or unspecified, without mention of
	hepatitis delta
070.21	acute or unspecified, with hepatitis delta
070.22	chronic, without mention of hepatitis delta
070.23	chronic with hepatitis delta

- 070.30 Viral hepatitis B without mention of hepatic coma, acute or unspecified
without mention of hepatitis delta
- 070.31 acute or unspecified, with hepatitis delta
- 070.32 chronic, without mention of hepatitis delta
- 070.33 chronic with hepatitis delta
- 070.41 Acute or unspecified hepatitis C with hepatic coma
- 70.42 Hepatitis delta without mention of active hepatitis B disease with hepatic coma
- 070.43 Hepatitis E with hepatic coma
- 070.44 Chronic hepatitis C with hepatic coma
- 070.49 Other specified viral hepatitis with hepatic coma
- 070.51 Acute or unspecified hepatitis C without mention of hepatic coma
- 070.52 Hepatitis delta without mention of active hepatitis B disease or hepatic coma
- 070.53 Hepatitis E without mention of hepatic coma
- 070.54 Chronic hepatitis C without mention of hepatic coma
- 070.59 Other specified viral hepatitis without mention of hepatic coma
- 070.6 Unspecified viral hepatitis with hepatic coma
- 070.9 Unspecified viral hepatitis without mention of hepatic coma
- 260 Kwashiorkor
- 261 Nutritional marasmus
- 262 Other severe protein-calorie malnutrition
- 263.0 Malnutrition of moderate degree
- 263.1 Malnutrition of mild degree
- 285.1 Acute posthemorrhagic anemia
- 286.0 Congenital factor VIII disorder
- 286.1 Congenital factor IX disorder
- 286.2 Congenital factor XI deficiency
- 286.3 Congenital deficiency of other clotting factors
- 286.4 Von Willebrand's disease
- 286.5 Hemorrhagic disorder due to circulating anticoagulants

286.6	Defibrination syndrome
286.7	Acquired coagulation factor deficiency
286.9	Other and unspecified coagulation defects
287.0	Allergic purpura
287.1	Qualitative platelet defects
287.2	Other nonthrombocytopenic purpuras
287.3	Primary thrombocytopenia
287.4	Secondary thrombocytopenia
287.5	Thrombocytopenia, unspecified
287.8	Other specified hemorrhagic conditions
287.9	Unspecified hemorrhagic conditions
289.8	Other specified diseases of blood and blood-forming organs
290.40	Arteriosclerotic dementia, uncomplicated
290.41	Arteriosclerotic dementia with delirium
290.42	Arteriosclerotic dementia with delusional features
290.43	Atherosclerotic dementia with depressive features
325	Phlebitis and thrombophlebitis
362.30	Retinal vascular occlusion, unspecified
362.31	Central retinal artery occlusion
362.32	Arterial branch occlusion
362.33	Partial arterial occlusion
362.34	Transient arterial occlusion
362.35	Central retinal vein occlusion
362.36	Venous tributary (branch) occlusion
362.37	Retinal vascular occlusion
386.2	Vertigo of central origin
386.50	Labyrinthine dysfunction, unspecified
394.0	Mitral stenosis
394.1	Rheumatic mitral insufficiency
394.2	Mitral stenosis with insufficiency
394.9	Other and unspecified mitral valve diseases
395.0	Rheumatic aortic stenosis
395.2	Rheumatic aortic stenosis with insufficiency

- 396.0 Mitral valve stenosis and aortic valve stenosis
- 396.1 Mitral valve stenosis and aortic valve insufficiency
- 396.2 Mitral valve insufficiency and aortic valve stenosis
- 396.3 Mitral valve insufficiency and aortic valve insufficiency
- 396.8 Multiple involvement of mitral and aortic valves
- 396.9 Mitral and aortic valve diseases, unspecified
- 410.00 Of anterolateral wall, episode of care unspecified
- 410.01 Of anterolateral wall, initial episode of care
- 410.02 Of anterolateral wall, subsequent episode of care
- 410.10 Of other anterior wall, episode of care unspecified
- 410.11 Of other anterior wall, initial episode of care
- 410.12 Of other anterior wall, subsequent episode of care
- 410.20 Of inferolateral wall, episode of care unspecified
- 410.21 Of inferolateral wall, initial episode of care
- 410.22 Of inferolateral wall, subsequent episode of care
- 410.30 Of inferoposterior wall, episode of care unspecified
- 410.31 Of inferoposterior wall, initial episode of care
- 410.32 Of inferoposterior wall, subsequent episode of care
- 410.40 Of other inferior wall, episode of care unspecified
- 410.41 Of other inferior wall, initial episode of care
- 410.42 Of other inferior wall, subsequent episode of care
- 410.50 Of lateral wall, episode of care unspecified
- 410.51 Of lateral wall, initial episode of care
- 410.52 Of lateral wall, subsequent episode of care
- 410.60 True posterior wall infarction, episode of care unspecified
- 410.61 True posterior wall infarction, initial episode of care
- 410.62 True posterior wall infarction, subsequent episode of care
- 410.70 Subendocardial infarction, episode of care unspecified
- 410.71 Subendocardial infarction, initial episode of care
- 410.72 Subendocardial infarction, subsequent episode of care
- 410.80 Of other specified sites, episode of care unspecified
- 410.81 Of other specified sites, initial episode of care
- 410.82 Of other specified sites, subsequent episode of care

- 410.90 Unspecified site, episode of care unspecified
- 410.91 Unspecified site, initial episode of care
- 410.92 Unspecified site, subsequent episode of care
- 411.1 Other acute and subacute forms of ischemic heart disease
- 411.81 Acute coronary occlusion without myocardial infarction
- 411.89 Other
- 413.0 Angina decubitus
- 413.1 Prinzmetal angina
- 413.9 Other and unspecified angina pectoris
- 414.00 Of unspecified type of vessel, native or graft
- 414.01 Of native coronary artery
- 414.02 Of autologous vein bypass graft
- 414.03 Of nonautologous biological bypass graft
- 414.06 Of coronary artery of transplanted heart
- 414.8 Other specified forms of chronic ischemic heart disease
- 414.9 Chronic ischemic heart disease, unspecified
- 415.0 Acute pulmonary heart disease
- 415.11 Iatrogenic pulmonary embolism and infarction
- 415.19 Other
- 416.9 Chronic pulmonary heart disease, unspecified
- 424.0 Mitral valve disorders
- 425.0 Endomyocardial fibrosis
- 425.1 Hypertrophic obstructive cardiomyopathy
- 425.2 Obscure cardiomyopathy of Africa
- 425.3 Endocardial fibroelastosis
- 425.4 Other primary cardiomyopathies
- 425.5 Alcoholic cardiomyopathy
- 425.7 Nutritional and metabolic cardiomyopathy
- 425.8 Cardiomyopathy in other diseases classified elsewhere
- 425.9 Secondary cardiomyopathy, unspecified
- 427.0 Paroxysmal supraventricular tachycardia
- 427.1 Paroxysmal ventricular tachycardia
- 427.2 Paroxysmal tachycardia, unspecified

427.31	Atrial fibrillation
427.32	Atrial flutter
427.41	Ventricular fibrillation
427.42	Ventricular flutter
427.5	Cardiac arrest
427.60	Premature beats, unspecified
427.61	Supraventricular premature beats
427.69	Other
427.81	Sinoatrial node dysfunction
427.89	Other
427.9	Cardiac dysrhythmia, unspecified
428.0	Congestive heart failure, unspecified
428.1	Left heart failure
428.9	Heart failure, unspecified
428.20	Systolic heart failure, unspecified
428.21	acute
428.22	chronic
428.23	acute or chronic
428.30	Diastolic heart failure, unspecified
428.31	acute
428.32	chronic
428.33	acute or chronic
428.40	Combined systolic and diastolic heart failure, unspecified
428.41	acute
428.42	chronic
428.43	acute or chronic
429.1	Myocardial degeneration
429.2	Cardiovascular disease, unspecified
429.3	Cardiomegaly
429.4	Functional disturbances following cardiac surgery
429.79	Other
432.0	Nontraumatic extradural hemorrhage
432.1	Subdural hemorrhage

432.9	Unspecified intracranial hemorrhage
433.00	Basilar artery, without mention of cerebral infarction
433.01	Basilar artery, with cerebral infarction
433.10	Carotid artery, without mention of cerebral infarction
433.11	Carotid artery, with cerebral infarction
433.20	Vertebral artery, without mention of cerebral infarction
433.21	Vertebral artery, with cerebral infarction
433.30	Multiple and bilateral, without mention of cerebral infarction
433.31	Multiple and bilateral with cerebral infarction
433.80	Other specified precerebral artery, without mention of cerebral infarction
433.81	Other specified precerebral artery, with cerebral infarction
433.90	Unspecified precerebral artery, without mention of cerebral infarction
433.91	Unspecified precerebral artery
434.00	Cerebral thrombosis, without mention of cerebral infarction
434.01	Cerebral thrombosis, with cerebral infarction
434.10	Cerebral embolism, without mention of cerebral infarction
434.11	Cerebral embolism with cerebral infarction
434.90	Cerebral artery occlusion, unspecified, without mention of cerebral infarction
434.91	Cerebral artery occlusion, unspecified with cerebral infarction
435.0	Basilar artery syndrome
435.1	Vertebral artery syndrome
435.2	Subclavian steal syndrome
435.3	Vertebrobasilar artery syndrome
435.8	Other specified transient cerebral ischemias
435.9	Unspecified transient cerebral ischemia
436	Acute, but ill-defined, cerebrovascular disease
437.0	Cerebral atherosclerosis
437.1	Other generalized ischemic cerebrovascular disease
437.6	Nonpyogenic thrombosis of intracranial venous sinus
440.0	Atherosclerosis of aorta

- 440.1 Atherosclerosis of renal artery
- 440.20 Atherosclerosis of the extremities, unspecified
- 440.21 Atherosclerosis of the extremities with intermittent claudication
- 440.22 Atherosclerosis of the extremities with rest pain
- 440.23 Atherosclerosis of the extremities with ulceration
- 440.24 Atherosclerosis of the extremities with gangrene
- 440.29 Other
- 440.30 Of unspecified graft
- 440.31 Of autologous vein bypass graft
- 440.32 Of nonautologous biological bypass graft
- 440.8 Of other specified arteries
- 440.9 Generalized and unspecified atherosclerosis
- 443.0 Raynaud's syndrome
- 443.1 Thromboangiitis obliterans (Buerger's disease)
- 443.81 Peripheral angiopathy in diseases classified elsewhere
- 443.89 Other
- 443.9 Peripheral vascular disease, unspecified
- 444.0 Of abdominal aorta
- 444.1 Of thoracic aorta
- 444.21 Upper extremity
- 444.22 Lower extremity
- 444.81 Iliac artery
- 444.89 Other
- 444.9 Of unspecified artery
- 445.01 Upper extremity
- 445.02 Lower extremity
- 445.81 Kidney
- 445.82 Other site
- 447.1 Stricture of artery
- 451.0 Of superficial vessels of lower extremities
- 451.11 Femoral vein (deep)(superficial)
- 451.19 Other
- 451.2 Of lower extremities, unspecified

451.81	Iliac vein
451.82	Of superficial veins of upper extremities
451.83	Of deep veins of upper extremities
451.84	Of upper extremities, unspecified
451.89	Other
451.9	Of unspecified site
452	Portal vein thrombosis
453.0	Budd-Chiari syndrome
453.1	Thrombophlebitis migrans
453.2	Of vena cava
453.3	Of renal vein
453.8	Of other specified veins
453.9	Of unspecified site
459.0	Hemorrhage, unspecified
459.1	Postphlebotic syndrome
459.2	Compression of vein
459.10	Postphlebotic syndrome without complications
459.11	Postphlebotic syndrome with ulcer
459.12	Postphlebotic syndrome with inflammation
459.13	Postphlebotic syndrome with ulcer and inflammation
459.19	Postphlebotic syndrome with other complication
459.81	Venus (peripheral) insufficiency,unspecified
514	Pulmonary congestion and hypostasis
569.3	Hemorrhage of rectum and anus
569.86	Dieulafoy lesion (hemorrhagic) of intestine
571.0	Alcoholic fatty liver
571.1	Acute alcoholic hepatitis
571.2	Alcoholic cirrhosis of liver
571.3	Alcoholic liver damage, unspecified
571.40	Chronic hepatitis, unspecified
571.41	Chronic persistent hepatitis
571.49	Other
571.5	Cirrhosis of liver without mention of alcohol

571.6	Biliary cirrhosis
571.8	Other chronic nonalcoholic liver disease
571.9	Unspecified chronic liver disease without mention of alcohol
572.2	Hepatic coma
572.4	Hepatorenal syndrome
572.8	Other sequelae of chronic liver disease
573.9	Unspecified disorder of liver
577.0	Acute pancreatitis
578.0	Hemetamesis
578.1	Blood in stool
578.9	Hemorrhage of gastrointestinal tract, unspecified
579.0	Celiac disease
579.1	Tropical sprue
579.2	Blind loop syndrome
579.3	Other and unspecified postsurgical nonabsorption
579.4	Pancreatic steatorrhea
579.8	Other specified intestinal malabsorption
579.9	Unspecified intestinal malabsorption
599.7	Hematuria
626.2	Excessive or frequent menstruation
626.3	Puberty bleeding
626.4	Irregular menstrual cycle
626.5	Ovulation bleeding
626.6	Metorrhagia
626.7	Postcoital bleeding
626.8	Other
627.1	Postmenopausal bleeding
671.20	Superficial thrombophlebitis, unspecified as to episode of care or not applicable
671.21	with or without mention of antepartum condition
671.22	with mention of postpartum complication

671.23 Superficial thrombophlebitis, antepartum condition or complication

671.24 Superficial thrombophlebitis, postpartum condition or complication

671.30 Deep phlebothrombosis, antepartum, unspecified as to episode of care or not

671.31 with or without mention of antepartum condition

671.33 antepartum condition or complication

671.40 Deep phlebothrombosis, postpartum, unspecified as to episode of care or not applicable

671.42 with mention of postpartum complication

671.44 postpartum condition or complication

671.50 Other phlebitis and thrombosis, unspecified as to episode of care or not applicable

671.51 with or without mention of antepartum condition

671.52 with mention of postpartum complication

671.53 antepartum condition or complication

671.54 postpartum condition or complication

671.90 Unspecified venous complication, unspecified as to episode of care or not applicable

671.91 with or without mention of

671.92 with mention of postpartum complication

671.93 antepartum condition or complication

671.94 postpartum condition or complication

673.00 Obstetrical air embolism, unspecified as to episode of care or not applicable

673.01 delivered with or without mention of antepartum condition

673.02 with mention of postpartum complication

673.03 antepartum condition or complication

673.04 postpartum condition or complication

673.10 Amniotic fluid embolism, unspecified as to episode of care or not applicable

673.11 delivered with or without mention of antepartum condition

673.12	with mention of postpartum complication
673.13	antepartum condition or complication
673.14	postpartum condition or complication
673.20	Obstetrical blood-clot embolism, unspecified as to episode of care or not applicable
673.21	delivered with or without mention of antepartum condition
673.22	with mention of postpartum complication
673.23	antepartum condition or complication
673.24	postpartum condition or complication
673.30	Obstetrical pyemic and septic embolism, unspecified as to episode of care or not applicable
673.31	delivered with or without mention of antepartum condition
673.32	with mention of postpartum complication
673.33	antepartum condition or complication
673.34	postpartum condition or complication
673.80	Other pulmonary embolism, unspecified as to episode of care or not applicable
673.81	delivered with or without mention of antepartum condition
673.82	with mention of postpartum complication
673.83	antepartum condition or complication
673.84	postpartum condition or complication
719.15	Hemarthrosis, pelvic region and thigh
719.16	lower leg
719.19	multiple sites
719.25	Villonodular synovitis, pelvic region and thigh
719.26	lower leg
719.29	multiple sites
719.35	Palindromic rheumatism, pelvic region and thigh
719.36	lower leg
719.39	multiple sites
719.45	Pain in joint, pelvic region and thigh
719.46	lower leg
719.49	multiple sites

719.55 Stiffness of joint, not elsewhere classified, pelvic region
and thigh

719.56 lower leg

719.59 multiple sites

719.65 Other symptoms referable to joint, pelvic region and thigh

719.66 lower leg

719.69 multiple sites

719.75 Difficulty in walking, pelvic region and thigh

719.76 lower leg

719.79 multiple sites

719.85 Other specified disorders of joint, pelvic region and thigh

719.86 lower leg

719.89 multiple sites

719.95 Unspecified disorder of joint, pelvic region and thigh

719.96 lower leg

719.99 multiple sites

746.00- Pulmonary valve anomaly, unspecified

746.01 Atresia, congenital

746.02 Stenosis, congenital

746.09 Other

746.1 Tricuspid atresia and stenosis, congenital

746.2 Ebstein's anomaly

746.3 Congenital stenosis of aortic valve

746.4 Congenital insufficiency of aortic valve

746.5 Congenital mitral stenosis

746.6 Congenital mitral insufficiency

746.7 Hypoplastic left heart syndrome

746.81 Subaortic stenosis

746.82 Cor triatriatum

746.83 Infundibular pulmonic stenosis

746.84 Obstructive anomalies of heart, not elsewhere classified

746.85 Coronary artery anomaly

746.86 Congenital heart block

746.87	Malposition of heart and cardiac apex
746.89	Other
746.9	Unspecified anomaly of heart
782.7	Spontaneous ecchymoses
784.7	Epistaxis
784.8	Hemorrhage from throat
786.3	Hemoptysis
789.1	Hepatomegaly
789.5	Ascites
790.92	Abnormal coagulation profile
852.00	Subarachnoid hemorrhage following injury, without mention of open intracranial wound, unspecified state of consciousness
852.01	with no loss of consciousness
852.02	with brief (less than one hour) loss of consciousness
852.03	with moderate (1-24 hours) loss of consciousness
852.04	with prolonged (more than 24 hours) loss of consciousness and return to pre-existing conscious level
852.05	with prolonged (more than 24 hours) loss of consciousness, without return to pre-existing conscious level
852.06	with loss of consciousness of unspecified duration
852.09	with concussion, unspecified
852.10	Subarachnoid hemorrhage following injury with open intracranial wound
852.11	with no loss of consciousness
852.12	with brief (less than one hour) loss of consciousness
852.13	with moderate (1-24 hours) loss of consciousness
852.14	with prolonged (more than 24 hours) loss of consciousness and return to pre-existing conscious level
852.15	with prolonged (more than 24 hours) loss of consciousness, without return to pre-existing conscious level
852.16	with loss of consciousness of unspecified duration
852.19	with concussion, unspecified
852.20	Subdural hemorrhage following injury without mention of open

- intracranial wound, with unspecified state of consciousness
- 852.21 with no loss of consciousness
- 852.22 with brief (less than one hour) loss of consciousness
- 852.23 with moderate (1-24 hours) loss of consciousness
- 852.24 with prolonged (more than 24 hours) loss of consciousness
and return to pre-existing conscious level
- 852.25 with prolonged (more than 24 hours) loss of consciousness,
without return to pre-existing conscious level
- 852.26 with loss of consciousness of unspecified duration
- 852.29 with concussion, unspecified
- 852.30 Subdural hemorrhage following injury with open intracranial
wound, unspecified state of consciousness
- 852.31 with no loss of consciousness
- 852.32 with brief (less than one hour) loss of consciousness
- 852.33 with moderate (1-24 hours) loss of consciousness
- 852.34 with prolonged (more than 24 hours) loss of consciousness
and return to pre-existing conscious level
- 852.35 with prolonged (more than 24 hours) loss of consciousness,
without return to pre-existing conscious level
- 852.36 with loss of consciousness of unspecified duration
- 852.39 with concussion, unspecified
- 852.40- Extradural hemorrhage following injury unspecified state of
consciousness
- 852.41 with no loss of consciousness
- 852.42 with brief (less than one hour) loss of consciousness
- 852.43 with moderate (1-24 hours) loss of consciousness
- 852.44 with prolonged (more than 24 hours) loss of consciousness
and return to pre-existing conscious level
- 852.45 with prolonged (more than 24 hours) loss of consciousness,
without return to pre-existing conscious level
- 852.46 with loss of consciousness of unspecified duration
- 852.49 with concussion, unspecified
- 852.50 Extradural hemorrhage following injury with open intracranial

wound unspecified state of consciousness

852.51 with no loss of consciousness

852.52 with brief (less than one hour) loss of consciousness

852.53 with moderate (1-24 hours) loss of consciousness

852.54 with prolonged (more than 24 hours) loss of consciousness

and return to pre-existing conscious level

852.55 with prolonged (more than 24 hours) loss of consciousness,
without return to pre-existing conscious level

852.56 with loss of consciousness of unspecified duration

852.59 with concussion, unspecified

964.2 Poisoning by agents primarily affecting blood constituents,
anticoagulants

995.2 Unspecified adverse effect of drug, medicinal and
biological substance

998.11 Hemorrhage complicating procedure

V12.3 Personal history of disease of blood and blood-forming organs

V15.1 Other personal history presenting hazards to health,
surgery to heart and great vessels

V42.2 Heart valve replaced by transplant

V42.7 Liver replaced by transplant

V43.2 Heart replaced by other means

V43.3 Heart valve replaced by other means

V43.4 Blood vessel replaced by other means

V43.60 Unspecified joint replaced by other means

V58.61 Long-term (current) use of anticoagulants

Non-covered ICD-9-CM Code(s)

All diagnosis not listed in the “ICD-9-CM Codes that Support Medical Necessity”
section of this policy.

Reasons for Denial

- All other indications not listed in the “Indications and Limitations of Coverage” section of this policy;

- The service is for screening purposes;
- The service is not medically necessary;
- The medical record does not verify that the service described by the HCPCS code was provided, and;
- The service does not follow the guidelines of this policy.

Coding Guidelines

- To report this service, use the appropriate HCPCS code
- All of the coverage criteria must be met before this service can be reimbursed by Medicare,
- Diagnosis(es) must be present on any claim submitted, and must be coded to the highest level of specificity,
- ICD-9-CM Code V82.9 (special screening tests for other conditions, unspecified condition) should be used in the absence of any signs or symptoms, to indicate screening;
- 85610 should not be used to test for congenital deficiencies of factors II, V, VII and,
- The diagnosis code(s) must be representative of the patient's condition.

Documentation Requirements

Documentation supporting the medical necessity should be legible, maintained in the patient's medical record, and must be made available to Medicare upon request.

Other Comments

Medicare will monitor the utilization of these laboratory tests through the Focused Medical Review (FMR) process.

Sources of Information and Basis for Decision

TrailBlazer Health Enterprises, Inc., Provider Bulletins 09/27/1996, 02/06/1998.

Advisory Committee Notes

This policy does not reflect the sole opinion of the contractor or Contractor

Medical Director. Although the final decision rests with the contractor, this policy was developed in cooperation with advisory groups, which includes representatives from the appropriate specialty (ies).

Advisory Committee meeting date:

Start Date of Comment Period

Ending Date of Comment Period

Start Date of Notice Period

11/17/2000

Revision History

<u>Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Changes</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 97-11-R4 for 2003. 	10/01/2002	Annual update of ICD-9 codes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 97-11-R3 "Utilization reads 	07/19/2002	See bulletin o website for specifics. ICD-9 codes unranked. Under Guidelines" deleted "Focused", now "Medical Review process."
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 97-11-R2 579.0-579.7 to 	11/17/2000	Correction of ICD-9 code from 579.0-579.4 (See 11/17/00 Provider Bulletin)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 97-11-R1 maintain 	07/28/1999	Limited coverage expanded to

consistency between the carrier and intermediary policies.

(See 07/28/99 Provider Bulletin)

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