Description:

Myocardial perfusion imaging (MPI) assesses the heart’s structure and function using small amounts of intravenously administered radiopharmaceuticals to determine the presence of coronary artery disease (CAD). Perfusion images can be recorded by Single Photon Emission Computed Tomography (SPECT). Some radiopharmaceuticals used for MPI include the following: thallium (Tl)-201 and the technetium (Tc)-99m-labeled radiopharmaceuticals such as sestamibi, tetrofosmin, and teboroxime, for single-photon imaging.

Medical Criteria:

Not applicable since this is a reimbursement policy.

Policy:

Myocardial perfusion imaging is a covered service.

Coverage:

Benefits may vary between groups/contracts. Please refer to the appropriate member certificate, subscriber agreement or Rite Care contract for applicable diagnostic imaging coverage/benefits.

Coding:

The following add-on codes are not separately reimbursed:

78478
78480
78496

Also Known As:

Myocardial Perfusion
SPECT Scan

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References:

Centers for Medicare and Medicaide Services, NCD for Single Photon Emission Computed Tomography (SPECT), Manual Section Number 220.12.


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