

## Surgical

Also known as	1. CEA				
Description	<p>Carotid endarterectomy (CEA) is surgery to treat carotid artery disease by removing plaque buildup from inside a carotid artery in your neck.</p> <p>The carotid arteries are the main blood vessels that carry oxygen and blood to the brain. In carotid artery disease, these arteries become narrowed. This reduces blood flow to the brain and could cause a stroke. This surgery is done to restore normal blood flow to the brain to prevent a stroke if you already have symptoms of reduced blood flow.</p>				
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Commercial

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Government Programs

Introduction	This section applies to all Medicaid and Medicare products.
AccessAbility (SNBC), Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+)	<p><a href="#">Medicaid only groups</a>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• See <a href="#">Medicaid</a> below.</li></ul> <p><a href="#">Medicare eligible groups</a>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The medical necessity of carotid endarterectomy depends on the presence or absence of several criteria including:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Severity of obstruction</li><li>– Clinical presentation</li><li>– Degree of surgical risk</li><li>– Presence of brain infarct on CT/MRI</li><li>– Presence of an ulcerative lesion in the affected artery</li></ul></li><li>• Physicians performing this procedure are urged to review the appropriateness and/or necessity for the procedure.</li><li>• Quote inpatient hospital benefits.</li><li>• Follows Medicare guidelines.</li><li>• Medicare is the primary payer.</li><li>• If no Medicare eligibility, Medicaid applies. See <a href="#">Medicaid</a> below.</li></ul>
AccessAbility Enhanced (I-SNBC), DUAL (MSHO)	<p>Quote inpatient hospital benefits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Medica is the only payer.</li></ul>
Cost (Prime)	<p>Quote inpatient hospital benefits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The medical necessity of carotid endarterectomy depends on the presence or absence of several criteria including:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Severity of obstruction</li><li>– Clinical presentation</li><li>– Degree of surgical risk</li><li>– Presence of brain infarct on CT/MRI</li><li>– Presence of an ulcerative lesion in the affected artery</li></ul></li><li>• Physicians performing this procedure are urged to review the appropriateness and/or necessity for the procedure.</li><li>• Follows Medicare guidelines.</li></ul>
Med Advantage	<p>Quote inpatient hospital benefits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The medical necessity of carotid endarterectomy depends on the presence or absence of several criteria including:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Severity of obstruction</li><li>– Clinical presentation</li><li>– Degree of surgical risk</li><li>– Presence of brain infarct on CT/MRI</li><li>– Presence of an ulcerative lesion in the affected artery</li></ul></li><li>• Physicians performing this procedure are urged to review the appropriateness and/or necessity for the procedure.</li><li>• Follows Medicare guidelines.</li><li>• Medica is the only payer.</li></ul>
Med Supp (Select, Signature)	<p>Quote inpatient hospital benefits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The medical necessity of carotid endarterectomy depends on the presence or absence of several criteria including:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Severity of obstruction</li><li>– Clinical presentation</li><li>– Degree of surgical risk</li><li>– Presence of brain infarct on CT/MRI</li><li>– Presence of an ulcerative lesion in the affected artery</li></ul></li><li>• Physicians performing this procedure are urged to review the appropriateness and/or necessity for the procedure.</li><li>• Follows Medicare guidelines.</li><li>• Medicare supplement.</li><li>• Medicare is the primary payer.</li></ul>
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