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Computed Tomography (CT) Scan

Also known as

- CAT Scan
- 2. CT Scan

Description

Computed tomography (CT) scan is an imaging test in which X-rays are used to obtain images at multiple angles though specific sections of the body. The X-rays are then analyzed by a computer to create a three-dimensional image of the body structure that was scanned.

See also

Similar, related, or easily confused documents.

- <u>Cardiac Computed Tomography</u> A non-invasive imaging technology that provides clear and detailed pictures of the anatomy of the heart and coronary circulation.
- <u>Coronary Artery Calcium Scoring (CACS)</u> Diagnostic test that uses special X-ray equipment to produce pictures of the
 coronary (heart) arteries to determine if they are blocked or narrowed by the build-up of plaque, an indicator for heart
 disease
- <u>Coronary Computed Tomography Angiography (CCTA)</u> Diagnostic imaging test that combines multiple X-ray images with the assistance of a computer to produce cross-sectional views of the vessels of the heart.
- <u>Low-Dose Computed Tomography (LDCT) Screening for Lung Cancer Screening</u> A CT scan that uses X-rays to scan the entire chest quickly in 20-30 seconds, while the patient holds his breath one time.

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Commercial

Introduction

This section applies to all Commercial members. Benefit details depend on the member's brand: Dean (including Dean Health Plan (DHP) and Prevea360), Mayo Medical Plan (MMP), or Medica (including MHPS).

Dean (DHP, Prevea360)

Requires prior authorization.

- See <u>Radiology Prior Authorizations</u> for details.
 - Some providers and POS are excluded from PA.
- If approved, quote MRI, CT, PET scan benefits. If section doesn't exist, quote X-Ray/imaging benefits. Include facility benefits.
- **Tip**: No matter the reason, this test never pays preventive.
- Contrast: A contrast material injection may be required. If billed, covered under the same benefits.

Mayo Medical Plan (MMP)

Quote MRI, CT, PET scan benefits. If section doesn't exist, quote X-Ray/imaging benefits. Include facility benefits.

- **Tip**: No matter the reason, this test never pays preventive.
- **Physician orders**: Services must be ordered (prescribed) by a provider (this includes Chiropractors) and medically necessary. **Notification**: Notification is NOT required, just physician orders.
- Contrast: A contrast material injection may be required. If billed, covered under the same benefits.

Medica (including MHPS)

Coverage depends on the date of service.

DOS	Coverage
Prior to 5.1.24	• Quote MRI, CT, PET scan benefits. If section doesn't exist, quote X-Ray/imaging benefits. Include facility benefits.
	• Tip: No matter the reason, this test never pays preventive.
	• Physician orders : Services must be ordered (prescribed) by a provider (this includes Chiropractors) and medically necessary.
	 Notification: Notification is NOT required, just physician orders.
	Contrast: A contrast material injection may be required. If billed, covered under the same benefits.
After	Requires prior authorization.
5.1.24	• See <u>Radiology Prior Authorizations</u> for details.
	– Some providers and POS are excluded from PA.
	• If approved, quote MRI, CT, PET scan benefits. If section doesn't exist, quote X-Ray/imaging benefits. Include facility benefits.
	• Tip: No matter the reason, this test never pays preventive.
	Contrast: A contrast material injection may be required. If billed, covered under the same benefits.

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Government Programs

Introduction

This section applies to all Medicaid and Medicare products.

AccessAbility (SNBC),

Medicaid only groups:

• See Medicaid below.

Minnesota **Senior Care Plus** (MSC+)

Medicare eligible groups:

- Quote X-ray/imaging benefits.
- **Tip**: No matter the reason, this test never pays preventive.
- Physician orders: Services must be ordered (prescribed) by a provider (this includes Chiropractors) and medically necessary.
 - **Notification**: Notification is NOT required, just physician orders.
- Contrast: A contrast material injection may be required. If billed, covered under the same benefits.
- Follows Medicare guidelines.
- Medicare is the primary payer.
- If no Medicare eligibility, Medicaid applies. See Medicaid below.

AccessAbility Enhanced (I-SNBC),

Coverage depends on the date of service.

DUAL (MSHO)

DOS	Coverage	
Prior to	Quote X-Ray/imaging benefits.	
5.1.24	• Tip: No matter the reason, this test never pays preventive.	
	• Physician orders : Services must be ordered (prescribed) by a provider (this includes Chiropractors) and medically necessary.	
	 Notification: Notification is NOT required, just physician orders. 	
	• Contrast: A contrast material injection may be required. If billed, covered under the same benefits.	
After	Requires prior authorization.	
5.1.24	• See Radiology Prior Authorizations for details.	
	 Some providers and POS are excluded from PA. 	
	• If approved, quote X-Ray/imaging benefits.	
	• Tip: No matter the reason, this test never pays preventive.	
	• Contrast: A contrast material injection may be required. If billed, covered under the same benefits.	
	Medica is the only payer.	

Cost (Prime)

Quote outpatient diagnostic tests and therapeutic services and supplies.

- Contrast: A contrast material injection may be required. If billed, covered under the same benefits.
- **Tip**: No matter the reason, this test never pays preventive.
- Does NOT require prior authorization (PA) through Medica.
- Follows Medicare guidelines.

Med Advantage Coverage depends on the date of service.

DOS	Coverage
Prior to	Quote outpatient diagnostic tests and therapeutic services and supplies.
5.1.24	• Tip: No matter the reason, this test never pays preventive.
	• Contrast: A contrast material injection may be required. If billed, covered under the same benefits.
After	Requires prior authorization.
5.1.24	• See Radiology Prior Authorizations for details.
	 Some providers and POS are excluded from PA.
	If approved, quote outpatient diagnostic tests and therapeutic services and supplies.
	• Tip: No matter the reason, this test never pays preventive.
	• Contrast: A contrast material injection may be required. If billed, covered under the same benefits.
	Follows Medicare guidelines.
	Medica is the only payer.

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Med Supp (Select, Signature)

Quote X-ray/imaging benefits.

- Contrast: A contrast material injection may be required. If billed, covered under the same benefits.
- **Tip**: No matter the reason, this test never pays preventive.
- Physician orders: Services must be ordered (prescribed) by a provider (this includes Chiropractors) and medically necessary.
 - **Notification**: Notification is NOT required, just physician orders.
- Follows Medicare guidelines.
- Medicare supplement.
- Medicare is the primary payer.

Medicaid

Coverage depends on the date of service.

DOS	Coverage
Prior to	Quote X-Ray/imaging benefits. Include facility benefits.
5.1.24	• Contrast: A contrast material injection may be required. If billed, covered under the same benefits.
	• Tip: No matter the reason, this test never pays preventive.
	• Physician orders : Services must be ordered (prescribed) by a provider (this includes Chiropractors) and medically necessary.
	 Notification: Notification is NOT required, just physician orders.
After	Requires prior authorization.
5.1.24	• See Radiology Prior Authorizations for details.
	 Some providers and POS are excluded from PA.
	• If approved, quote X-Ray/imaging benefits. Include facility benefits.
	• Contrast: A contrast material injection may be required. If billed, covered under the same benefits.
	• Tip: No matter the reason, this test never pays preventive.

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Individual and Family Business (IFB)

Introduction

This section applies to all Individual and Family Business (IFB) members. Benefit details depend on the member's brand: Dean (including Dean Health Plan (DHP), Medica (formerly WellFirst), and Prevea360) or Medica.

Dean (DHP, Medica formerly WellFirst, Prevea360)

Requires prior authorization.

- See <u>Radiology Prior Authorizations</u> for details.
 - Some providers and POS are excluded from PA.
- If approved, quote MRI, CT, PET scan benefits. If section doesn't exist, quote X-Ray/imaging benefits. Include facility benefits.
- **Tip**: No matter the reason, this test never pays preventive.
- Contrast: A contrast material injection may be required. If billed, covered under the same benefits.

Medica

Coverage depends on the date of service.

DOS	Coverage
Prior to 5.1.24	• Quote MRI, CT, PET scan benefits. If section doesn't exist, quote outpatient X-rays and imaging service in an office or hospital. Include facility benefits.
3.1.21	• Tip : No matter the reason, this test never pays preventive.
	• Physician orders : Services must be ordered (prescribed) by a provider (this includes Chiropractors) and medically necessary.
	 Notification: Notification is NOT required, just physician orders.
	Contrast: A contrast material injection may be required. If billed, covered under the same benefits.
After	Requires prior authorization.
5.1.24	• See Radiology Prior Authorizations for details.
	 Some providers and POS are excluded from PA.
	• If approved, quote MRI, CT, PET scan benefits. If section doesn't exist, quote outpatient X-rays and imaging service in an office or hospital. Include facility benefits.
	• Tip: No matter the reason, this test never pays preventive.
	Contrast: A contrast material injection may be required. If billed, covered under the same benefits.

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