

Oregon Health Plan Prioritized List Changes Carotid Endarterectomy

The Health Evidence Review Commission approved the following changes to the Prioritized List of Health Services on December 5, 2013, based on the approved coverage guidance, “Carotid Endarterectomy vs. Medical Management and Screening for Carotid Artery Stenosis.” The changes will take effect for the Oregon Health Plan on April 1, 2014.

DIAGNOSTIC GUIDELINE NOTE: SCREENING FOR CAROTID ARTERY STENOSIS

Screening for carotid artery stenosis (CPT 93880) in the general primary care population is not a covered service.

GUIDELINE NOTE: CAROTID ENDARTERECTOMY

Line 440

Carotid endarterectomy is included on line 440 for patients in the following groups:

- Symptomatic^[1] with 70-99% carotid artery stenosis but without near occlusion.
- Symptomatic with 50 – 69% stenosis despite optimal medical management
- Asymptomatic with at least 60% stenosis only for those who do not tolerate (or have contraindications to) best current medical therapy

Carotid endarterectomy is not included on line 440 for patients in the following groups:

- Patients with near occlusion
- Symptomatic patients with less than 50% carotid stenosis

^[1] Symptomatic patients are those who have had a recent transient ischemic attack or ischemic stroke