

Premier Health Plan

POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

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MP.140.PH – CAD MRI, Breast (E&I)

This policy applies to the following lines of business:

- ✓ Premier Employee

Premier Health Plan considers **Computer Aided Detection (CAD) for MRI of the Breast** to be *experimental and investigational and therefore not covered*.

Background

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), breast cancer is the second most common cancer among women in the U.S.

Computer-aided detection (CAD) software can identify characteristics of malignancy on digital images and thus can decrease interobserver variability. The goal of CAD is to improve detection while minimizing false-negatives.

Current clinical evidence does not yet demonstrate that CAD for MRI of the breast improves patient outcomes or reduces breast cancer mortality. Additional studies are needed to determine if CAD for MRI of the breast can maintain or increase the sensitivity, specificity and recall rates.

Codes

The following is NOT a covered code:

CPT	Description
0159T	Computer-aided detection, including computer algorithm analysis of MRI image data for lesion detection/characterization, pharmacokinetic analysis, with further physician review for interpretation, breast MRI

Related Policies

MP.057 – Mammography, Computer-Aided Detection (CAD)

References

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