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## Preview questionnaire

# Radiofrequency ablation (RFA), cardiac treatment for preexcitation syndrome or WPW syndrome

For Medicare Plus Blue<sup>SM</sup>, Blue Care Network commercial and BCN Advantage<sup>SM</sup>

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### Radiofrequency ablation (RFA), cardiac treatment for preexcitation syndrome or WPW syndrome

We provide coverage for this procedure for adult members who meet medical necessity criteria. Submit authorization requests through the e-referral system.

The submitter will receive a prompt to complete a questionnaire to determine the appropriateness of the requested service. The questions are listed below.

If all questions are answered, e-referral will either approve or pend the case. If the case pends and we cannot authorize it, we will contact the provider for additional clinical information. Authorization is not a guarantee of payment.

Payment is based on established claim edits. We may retrospectively monitor compliance with authorization requirements.

Applicable procedure codes: \*93653, \*93654, \*93656

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See below for the questions you'll encounter in the e-referral system.

**Q** Does the patient have preexcitation syndrome or Wolff-Parkinson-White (WPW) syndrome by ECG with one of the following symptoms or conditions (A-K)? A. Wide complex tachycardia. B. Preexcited atrial fibrillation or atrial ventricular reentrant tachycardia (AVRT) by electrocardiogram. C. Cardiac arrest survivor. D. High-risk occupation or hobby. E. Presyncope or syncope by history. F. Palpitations. G. Chest pain or discomfort. H. Dyspnea. I. Asymptomatic patient and further testing needed for risk stratification. J. Evaluation for surgical ablation of accessory pathway. K. Tachycardia post ablation.

**A**

Possible answers:  Yes  No  N/A

**Q** Have transient or reversible causes of the arrhythmia been excluded ALL (A-E)? A. Drug toxicity. B. Electrolyte abnormalities. C. Thyroid disorders. D. Recent surgery. E. Myocardial ischemia.

**A**

Possible answers:  Yes  No  N/A