

Clinical review is required for adult members (age ≥18). The medical necessity criteria are outlined below.

CPT code: *60210, *60212, *60220, *60225

Goiter

ONE of the following must be met:

1. Airway compromise by imaging
2. Esophageal compression by imaging
3. Recurrent laryngeal nerve compression by endoscopy

Noninvasive follicular thyroid neoplasm with papillary-like nuclear features (NIFTP)

Patient had diagnosis of noninvasive follicular thyroid neoplasm with papillary-like nuclear features (NIFTP).

Thyroid cancer by fine needle aspiration (FNA)

The patient has papillary thyroid cancer, the tumor size by imaging is less than or equal to 4 cm, and NONE of the following:

1. Tumor > 4 cm in diameter by imaging
2. Known metastases
3. Extrathyroidal extension
4. Poorly differentiated cytology
5. Bilateral lobe disease
6. Head or neck or whole body radiation by history
7. Radioactive iodine (RAI) therapy planned

Thyroid nodule by fine needle aspiration (FNA)

ONE the following must be met:

1. Bethesda I x2 samples and ONE of the following:
 - a. Ultrasound (US) findings suggestive of malignancy with ONE or more of the following:
 - i. Microcalcifications
 - ii. Nodule hypoechogenicity
 - iii. Irregular margins
 - iv. Intranodular vascularity
 - v. Taller than wide shape
 - b. ONE of the following:
 - i. Thyroid cancer by family history
 - ii. Known hereditary thyroid cancer-related genetic mutation
 - iii. Head or neck or whole body radiation by history
 - iv. Nodule growth or nodule > 4 cm by imaging
 - v. Cervical lymphadenopathy by physical examination or imaging
 - vi. Compression of adjacent structures or recurrent laryngeal nerve compression by physical examination or testing
 - vii. Symptoms of compression including hoarseness or dysphagia or dysphonia or dyspnea
 - viii. Patient prefers surgery
2. Bethesda II and ONE of the following:

Authorization criteria: Thyroidectomy, Partial

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- a. Ultrasound (US) findings suggestive of malignancy with ONE or more of the following:
 - i. Microcalcifications
 - ii. Nodule hypoechogenicity
 - iii. Irregular margins
 - iv. Intranodular vascularity
 - v. Taller than wide shape
 - b. ONE of the following:
 - i. Nodule growth or nodule > 4 cm by imaging
 - ii. Compression of adjacent structures or recurrent laryngeal nerve compression by physical examination or testing
 - iii. Symptoms of compression including hoarseness or dysphagia or dysphonia or dyspnea
3. Bethesda III, IV or V AND NONE of the following:
- a. Tumor > 4 cm in diameter by imaging
 - b. Known metastases
 - c. Extrathyroidal extension
 - d. Poorly differentiated cytology
 - e. Bilateral lobe disease
 - f. Head or neck or whole body radiation by history
 - g. Radioactive iodine (RAI) therapy planned

References

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