

Left atrial appendage closure

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: *33340

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

Q Does the patient have a CHADS2 score greater than or equal to 2 (a scoring system used to predict stroke risk)?

A

Possible answers: Yes No N/A

Q Does the patient have a CHA2DS2-VASc score greater than or equal to 3 (a scoring system used to predict stroke risk)?

A

Possible answers: Yes No N/A

Q Is the patient unable to tolerate long-term oral anticoagulation?

A

Possible answers: Yes No N/A



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Preview questionnaire

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Q Did the patient see an independent non-interventional physician that agreed that the procedure is necessary AND it is documented the patient's medical record?

A

Possible answers: Yes No N/A