



August 17, 2020

**Re: Medical coverage policy update – Unilateral duplex scans
effective November 16, 2020**

We routinely review our coverage, reimbursement, and administrative policies for potential updates. In that review, we take into consideration one or more of the following: Evidence based medicine (EBM), professional society recommendations, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) guidance, industry standards, and our other existing policies.

As a result of a recent review, we will update an existing policy, Duplex Scan to Evaluate for Carotid Artery Stenosis (0542), to deny coverage for unilateral duplex scans that are considered not medically necessary. This update is effective for claims with dates of service on or after November 16, 2020. The affected Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) code is 93882.

Additional information

For more information about our coverage policies, visit the Cigna for Health Care Professionals website (CignaforHCP.com) > Resources > Coverage Policies >

If you are not a registered user, please register so that you may log in and access all of our coverage, reimbursement, and administrative policies. Go to CignaforHCP.com and click Register. If you do not have Internet access or would like additional information, call Cigna Customer Service at **800.88Cigna (882.4462)**.

Thank you for the care you provide to our customers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie B. Kessel MD".

Julie B. Kessel, MD
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At a glance

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