Subject: Whole Body Cutaneous Photography (WBCP)*  

Effective Date: February 27, 2007  

Department(s): Utilization Management  

Policy: Whole body cutaneous photography (WBCP) in managing patients at risk for melanoma is reimbursable under Plans administered by QualCare, Inc.  

Objective: To assure proper and consistent reimbursement and to delineate circumstances under which a specific diagnostic modality is covered.  

Procedure:  

1. WBCP (CPT 96904) is covered in patients with a history of any of the following:  
   a. Dysplastic nevus or nevi (ICD-9 238.2)  
   b. Atypical nevus or nevi (ICD-9 238.2)  
   c. Melanoma (ICD-9 172.0 – 172.9; V10.82)  

2. WBCP is covered in patients with a first- or second-degree relative with any of the diagnoses listed in #1 above.  

3. All requests for WBCP must be accompanied by documentation of the history noted in #1 and #2 above.  

4. If WBCP is repeated more frequently than every 24 months,
the request must be accompanied by written documentation of medical necessity for medical review.

References


*Consistent with Summary Plan Description (SPD). When there is discordance between this policy and the SPD, the provisions of the SPD prevail.