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MP.049.MPC Visually Evoked Response Test

Maryland Physicians Care considers **Visually Evoked Response (VER) Testing** medically necessary when prescribed by Ophthalmologists and Neurologists for the following indications:

Adults and children (ages \geq six months), who experience any of the following ⁽¹⁾:

- Double or blurred vision
- Loss of part or all vision
- Eye injuries, head injuries
- To identify members at increased risk for developing Clinically Definite Multiple Sclerosis (CDMS) ⁽²⁾
- To diagnose and monitor multiple sclerosis (acute or chronic phases) ⁽²⁾
- To localize the cause of visual field defect not explained by MRIs, CT scans, metabolic disorders, or infectious diseases ⁽²⁾

Limitations

VER is not considered medically necessary for any the following:

- As a diagnostic vehicle for children under 6 months of age
- For members with severe nearsightedness
- For members with optic neuritis already diagnosed with abnormal VER latency

Codes

CPT Codes / HCPCS Codes / ICD-10 Codes		
Code	Description	
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CPT Codes		
95930	Visually evoked potential (VEP) testing central nervous system, checkerboard or flash	
ICD-10 codes covered if selection criteria are met:		
A39.82	Meningococcal retrobulbar neuritis	
B00.4	Herpesviral encephalitis	
B05.0	Measles complicated by encephalitis	
B06.01	Rubella encephalitis	
B10.01	Human herpesvirus 6 encephalitis	
B10.09	Other human herpesvirus encephalitis	



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A52.11-A52.79	Neurosyphilis
A69.20-A69.29	Lyme disease, other conditions associated with Lyme disease
A83.0-A86	Unspecified viral encephalitis
C70.0-C72.59	Malignant neoplasms of brain and other parts of central nervous system
C79.31-C79.49	Secondary malignant neoplasm of brain, cerebral meninges, and other parts of nervous system
D32.0-D33.9	Benign neoplasm of meninges, brain, and other parts of nervous system
D42.0-D44.9	Neoplasms of uncertain behavior of meninges, brain, central nervous system, and endocrine glands
D49.6	Neoplasm of unspecified behavior of brain
E03.5	Myxedema coma
F44.4-F44.9	Conversion disorders
G06.0	Intracranial abscess and granuloma
G06.1	Intraspinal abscess and granuloma
G11.0-G11.9	Hereditary ataxia
G23.0-G23.9	Other degenerative diseases of basal ganglia
G35	Multiple sclerosis
G36.0-G37.9	Other demyelinating disease of central nervous system
G45.0-G45.9	Transient cerebral ischemic attacks and related symptoms
G50.0-G59	Nerve, nerve root, and plexus disorders
G60.9 G63 G70.00 G80.0-G80.9	Hereditary and idiopathic neuropathy, unspecified Polyneuropathy in diseases classified elsewhere Myasthenia gravis without (acute) exacerbation Cerebral palsy
G81.00	Flaccid hemiplegia, unspecified side
G81.90-G81.94	Hemiplegia and hemiparesis
G90.3	Multi-system degeneration of the autonomic nervous system
G93.1	Anoxic brain damage, not elsewhere classified
G93.2	Benign intracranial hypertension
G93.5	Compression of brain

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G93.6	Cerebral edema
H40.001-H42	Glaucoma
H46.00-H47.9	Optic neuritis and other disorders of optic (2 nd) nerve and visual pathways
H53.001-H53.9	Visual disturbances
H54.0-H54.8	Blindness and low vision
H81.01-H82.9	Disorders of vestibular function and vertiginous syndromes in diseases classified elsewhere
H90.0-H94.83	Other disorders of ear
160.00-169.998	Cerebrovascular diseases
Q75.0-Q75.9	Other congenital malformations of skull and face bones
R26.0-R29.91	Abnormalities of gait and mobility, lack of coordination, and other symptoms and signs involving the nervous and musculoskeletal systems
R40.0-R40.4	Somnolence, stupor, and coma
R42	Dizziness and giddiness
R47.01	Aphasia
R94.0-R94.138	Abnormal results of function tests central/peripheral nervous systems and senses
S04.011A- S04.019A	Injury of optic nerve
S04.011S- S04.9XXS	Injury of cranial nerve
S06.0x9A	Concussion with loss of consciousness of unspecified duration, initial encounter
S06.330A	Contusion and laceration of cerebrum, unspecified, with loss of consciousness of 1 hour to 5 hours 59 minutes, initial encounter
S14.0XXA- S14.9XXS	Injury of nerves and spinal cord at neck level
S34.114S	Complete lesion of L4 level of lumbar spincal cord
S44.00XA- S44.92XS	Injury of nerves at shoulder and upper arm level
S84.00XA- S84.92XS	Injury of nerves at lower leg level



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