

X-RAY MAMMOGRAPHY

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I. PROCEDURE CODE RANGE

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II. DESCRIPTION

X-ray mammography is a roentgenologic procedure performed for the evaluation and detection of breast disease. Images are created most commonly by one of two methods: screen film mammography and xeromammography.

III. POLICY

A. Mammography is covered as a diagnostic or screening procedure when rendered by a provider that is certified by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, when provided as outlined in the following paragraphs.

B. Mammography may be covered as a diagnostic procedure for:

1. Breast mass found on physical examination.
2. Spontaneous nipple discharge. The discharge may be either watery, serous, or bloody.
3. Redness of the skin of the breast.
4. Nipple erosion.
5. Axillary mass.
6. Previous history of a diagnosed breast cancer either unilateral or bilateral.
7. Previous abnormal mammography.
8. Fibrocystic disease.
9. Other conditions may be considered based on medical necessity.

C. The policy for routine screening mammographies is outlined in [Chapter 1, Section 10.1](#).

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