



Mobile Dysphagia Consultants

Your Mobile Partner in Swallowing Disorders

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Managed Care Prior Authorization FAQ

This document provides detailed information on MassTex Imaging, LLC and the services we provide which may be useful in obtaining the appropriate prior authorization required for patients with Managed Care insurance policies.

MassTex Imaging, LLC is a medical practice via a mobile medical practice specializing in the Diagnosis and Management of Dysphagia. Our Dysphagia Consultation is a comprehensive evaluation of the swallow function performed by our physicians and speech pathologists. Our Physicians Dysphagia Consultation consists of:

- A complete review of the patient's medical chart and physical prior to the instrumental evaluation to assess underlying contributing factors and ensure the patient is in an acceptable physical condition to conduct an effective test at that point in time
- Review of current medications for any potential effects on swallow function
- Evaluation of the oropharyngeal stages of swallowing in conjunction with our Speech Pathologist (MBSS)
- Evaluation of the esophageal stage of swallowing including reflux evaluation and bolus transit across the gastro-esophageal junction
- Evaluation of motility and anatomy of the cervical spine, soft tissue of neck, and mandible based on medical indication
- Evaluation of the anatomy and function of the vocal cords with respect to strength, closure, maintenance of closure, and stamina in the presence of Dysphagia and possible reflux
- Evaluation of the anatomy of the larynx
- Assessment of depth of aspiration via frontal chest
- Discussion with the patient, family and facility staff regarding quality of life implications and end of life care.

Upon completion of the consultation, the Physician and Speech Language Pathologist each leave a detailed report and a DVD of the studies in the patient's medical chart.

For some managed care insurance plans MassTex Imaging may be an out-of-network provider (please call the office at 978-750-0300 if you are unsure about a particular plan). In these instances MassTex Imaging needs approval for the *PROFESSIONAL COMPONENTS* of the exam because it is an *OUTPATIENT PROCEDURE (the mobile medical clinic is the doctor's office)*.

E&M Codes that may be billed for the Dysphagia Consultation as ordered:

- 99201 – 99205 New Patients -OR-
- 99211 – 99215 Established Patients

CPT codes (TC & 26 modifiers) that may be billed depending on individual patient's needs and medical necessity:

- 92611 Speech Therapy with MBSS
- 74230 Routine pharyngeal eval
- 74240 Esophageal assessment to stomach/Upper GI evaluation
- 72020 Cervical Spine, one view -OR-
- 72040 Cervical Spine, two views
- 70360 Routine soft neck tissue
- 71010 Frontal Chest (if aspiration is visualized)
- 70100 Mandible

Please keep in mind that each insurance company has different requirements, however this information should assist you in obtaining prior authorizations for the Dysphagia Consultation.

If you have questions or are in need of further information please contact us at 978-750-0300. We are happy to assist you.

The MassTex Imaging Team