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**Angioplasty and Stenting of Extra-Cranial and Intra-Cranial Arteries**

**MP9382**

**Covered Service:**
Yes–when meets criteria below

**Prior Authorization Required:**
Yes if procedure is elective

**Additional Information:**
None

**Medicare Policy:**
Dean Health Plan covers when Medicare also covers the benefit.

**BadgerCare Plus Policy:**
Dean Health Plan covers when BadgerCare Plus also covers the benefit.

**Dean Health Plan Medical Policy:**

1.0 Elective percutaneous transluminal angioplasty of the extra-cranial carotid arteries and vertebral arteries, with or without stent implantation and embolic protection, requires prior authorization through the Quality and Care Management Division and is considered medically appropriate when the following criteria are met:

   1.1 Symptomatic >50% stenosis of the common or internal carotid artery or
   1.2 Asymptomatic > 70% stenosis of the common or internal carotid artery

2.0 Angioplasty with or without stenting of the intracranial arteries is considered investigational for the prophylaxis or treatment of either of the following conditions because its effectiveness for these indications has not been established:

   2.1 Atherosclerotic stenosis of intra-cranial arteries; or
   2.2 Cerebral vasospasm after aneurismal subarachnoid hemorrhage.

3.0 Endovascular repair of intracranial aneurysms is considered medically necessary for EITHER of the following and does not require prior authorization:

   3.1 Ruptured intracranial aneurysm or pseudoaneurysm; or
   3.2 Unruptured intracranial aneurysm or pseudoaneurysm, when aneurysm size, location and characteristics make surgical repair technically difficult, not feasible or contraindicated.
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