Clinical Policy: Catheter Ablation for Supraventricular Tachyarrhythmia

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Description
This policy describes the medical necessity guidelines for catheter ablation for supraventricular tachyarrhythmia, including atrial flutter and atrial fibrillation.

Policy/Criteria
I. It is the policy of Coordinated Care of Washington, Inc., in accordance with the Health Care Authority’s Health Technology Assessment, that for catheter ablation for supraventricular tachyarrhythmia is considered medically necessary per InterQual guidelines.

II. InterQual guidelines meet or exceed the HTA requirement that for catheter ablation for supraventricular tachyarrhythmia is covered for the following conditions:
   A. Re-entrant tachycardias (e.g., Wolff-Parkinson-White Syndrome, Atrioventricular re-entrant tachycardia, atrioventricular nodal re-entrant tachycardia
   B. Symptomatic atrial flutter
   C. Symptomatic atrial fibrillation where drug therapy is either not tolerated or ineffective.

III. It is the policy of Coordinated Care of Washington, Inc., in accordance with the Health Care Authority’s Health Technology Assessment, that for catheter ablation for supraventricular tachyarrhythmia is not covered for other, non-reentrant supraventricular tachycardias.

Background
This policy is based entirely on Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) Health Technology Assessment (HTA) and Health Care Authority Billing Guidelines.

Coding Implications
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<td>Intracardiac catheter ablation of atrioventricular note function, atrioventricular conduction for creation of complete heart block, with or without temporary pacemaker placement</td>
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<td>Comprehensive electrophysiologic evaluation including insertion and repositioning of multiple electrode catheters with induction or attempted induction of an arrhythmia with right atrial pacing and recording, right ventricular pacing and recording, His recording with intracardiac catheter ablation of arrhythmogenic focus; with treatment of supraventricular tachycardia by ablation of fast or slow atrioventricular pathway, accessory atrioventricular connection, cavo-tricuspid isthmus or other single atrial focus or source of atrial re-entry.</td>
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<td>Intracardiac catheter ablation of a discrete mechanism of arrhythmia which is distinct from the primary ablated mechanism, including repeat diagnostic maneuvers, to treat a spontaneous or induced arrhythmia.</td>
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<td>Comprehensive electrophysiologic evaluation including transseptal catheterizations, insertion and repositioning of multiple electrode catheters with induction or attempted induction of an arrhythmia with atrial recording and pacing, when possible, right ventricular pacing and recording, His bundle recording with intracardiac catheter ablation of arrhythmogenic focus, with treatment of atrial fibrillation by ablation by pulmonary vein isolation.</td>
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<td>Additional linear or focal intracardiac catheter ablation of the left or right atrium for treatment of atrial fibrillation remaining after completion of pulmonary vein isolation.</td>
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