

Spinal Fluid Tap Benefit and Authorization Update

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Dear Provider,

WELLCARE HEALTH PLANS, INC.
THE WELLCARE GROUP OF COMPANIES

The purpose of this communication is to provide an update on recent benefit and authorization requirement changes.

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Diagnostic Spinal Fluid Tap (CPT 62270)

Effective September 15, 2007, WellCare will reimburse for Diagnostic Spinal Fluid Tap (CPT 62270) under the following guidelines:

Benefit

Spinal taps are a payable benefit in specific service settings.

Authorization

- No Authorization is required for the administration of a spinal tap when performed in the following service settings:
 - Place of Service 11 – Office
 - Place of Service 23 – Emergency Room
 - Place of Service 50 – FQHC
 - Place of Service 72 – RHC
- Authorization is required for the administration of a spinal tap when performed in the following service settings:
 - Place of Service 21 – Inpatient Hospital – as included with the inpatient authorization
 - Place of Service 22 – Outpatient Hospital
 - Place of Service 24 – Ambulatory Surgery Center

Reimbursement

Claims submitted to WellCare should include the authorization number obtained per the above guidelines. Failure to obtain the required prior approval from WellCare will result in a denied claim.

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If you require additional information related to authorization requirements or claims payment, please call the WellCare of Georgia, Inc. Provider Hotline at **(866) 231-1821** or your Provider Relations representative.

Sincerely,



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