

## Part B Insider (Multispecialty) Coding Alert

### Carrier Requirements For Stereotactic Radiosurgery

According to a local coverage decision by Part B carrier **Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Arkansas**, diagnoses that support stereotactic radiosurgery include:

1. disabling symptomology in trigeminal neuralgia and Parkinson's Disease which have become "refractive to medical treatment;"
2. primary central nervous system malignancies generally under 4 cm;
3. primary and secondary tumors of the skull base or nasopharyngeal malignancies;
4. benign brain tumors, such as meningiomas and acoustic neuromas;
5. arteriovenous malformations and hemangiomas that aren't suited for other treatment modalities;
6. boost treatment for larger lesions that have been treated initially with external beam radiation therapy or surgery;
7. metastatic brain lesions, generally fewer than four in number, with exceptions for very slow-growing malignancies;
8. patients with "excellent performance status" whose systemic disease is under control and otherwise have a long survival expectation; and
9. a relapse in a field that's already been irradiated, after at least six months have passed.

The Arkansas Blues also spell out that you can bill separately for 77332-77334 (for design and construction of treatment devices) in addition to SRS planning using G0242 or G0338.