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Good Afternoon,

Sentara Healthcare launched the service of Magnetic Resonance Image Guided High Intensity Focused Ultrasound for Essential Tremors (MRgFUS) in late 2022 to provide this service to our community. On review of LCD 37761: Magnetic Resonance Image Guided High Intensity Focused Ultrasound (MRgFUS) for Essential Tremor: **Limitations (not covered) #7: A skull density ratio (the ratio of cortical to cancellous bone) <0.45.**

Sentara Healthcare has encountered a beneficiary that has met all of the criteria for the MRgFUS procedure with the exception of the skull density ratio less than the Palmetto GBA limitation of <0.45, therefore we are requesting an exception for this beneficiary and moving forward would this limitation qualify for an LCD reconsideration process to amend Palmetto GBA LCD L37761 to A skull density ratio (the ratio of cortical to cancellous bone) **<0.40.**

Per review of Local Coverage determinations from other **Medicare Administrators Contractors: CGS Administrators**, LLC: LCD 37790, **First Coast Service Options**, Inc. LCD L38506, **National Government Services**, Inc. LCD L37421, **Noridian Healthcare Solutions**, LLC, LCD 37729 and **Novitas Solutions, Inc.** LCD 38495. The acceptable Skull Density Ratio (SDR) limitation is 0.45 ± 0.05 .

Included in this request is a listing of supporting peer-reviewed articles and the American Society for Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery consensus Position Statement on Magnetic Resonance-Guided Focused Ultrasound for the Management of Essential Tremor and Skull Density Ratio recommendation.

Thank you for your consideration to this Inquiry and looking forward to your response.

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