



DEPARTMENT:	Pricing & Payment	APPROVED DATE: 09/30/2018
POLICY DESCRIPTION:	Sinus Computed Tomography (CT) for Simple Sinusitis	
EFFECTIVE DATE:	1/1/2019	
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REFERENCE NUMBER:	P#32	RETIRED DATE:

SCOPE: Claims, Coding, Customer Service, Medical Management, Finance, Network Management

PURPOSE: To provide reimbursement guidelines for the billing of sinus CT for members with a primary diagnosis of sinusitis performed within 30 days of initial diagnosis

According to Choosing Wisely campaign, uncomplicated acute or rhinosinusitis is generally diagnosed clinically and does not require a sinus CT scan or other imaging. Most acute rhinosinusitis resolves without treatment in two weeks.

POLICY: PreferredOne will not reimburse for a sinus CT of a member with a primary diagnosis of sinusitis when the imaging is done within 30 days (4 weeks) of initial diagnosis of uncomplicated acute sinusitis or viral upper respiratory infection.

COVERAGE: Coverage is subject to the terms of an enrollee's benefit plan. To the extent there is any inconsistency between this policy and the terms of an enrollee's benefit plan, the terms of the enrollee's benefit plan documents will always control. Enrollees in PreferredOne Community Health Plan (PCHP) and some non-ERISA group health plans that PreferredOne Administrative Services, Inc, (PAS) administers are eligible to receive all benefits mandated by the state of Minnesota. Please call customer service telephone number on the back of the enrollee's insurance card with coverage inquiries.

PROCEDURE:

1. This policy applies to both facility UB04 and professional HCFA 1500 claims.
2. Any claim for a member who receives a CT related procedure within 30 days or 4 weeks of initially presenting with a primary diagnosis of acute sinusitis or upper respiratory infection will not be reimbursed.
3. CT procedure 70486

DEFINITIONS:

REFERENCES: Medical Management Document on Coverage Determination Guidelines MP/C009