

**FIRST COAST SERVICE OPTIONS
FLORIDA MEDICARE PART B
LOCAL COVERAGE DETERMINATION**

CPT/HCPCS Codes

76536 Ultrasound, soft tissues of head and neck (e.g., thyroid, parathyroid, parotid), B-scan and/or real time with image documentation

ICD-9 Codes that Support Medical Necessity

171.0	Malignant neoplasm of connective and other soft tissue of head, face, and neck
193	Malignant neoplasm of thyroid gland
194.0	Malignant neoplasm of adrenal gland
194.1	Malignant neoplasm of parathyroid gland
194.5	Malignant neoplasm of carotid body
195.0	Malignant neoplasm of other and ill-defined sites of head, face, and neck
196.0	Secondary and unspecified malignant neoplasm of lymph nodes of head, face, and neck
200.01	Reticulosarcoma of lymph nodes of head, face, and neck
200.11	Lymphosarcoma of lymph nodes of head, face, and neck
215.0	Other benign neoplasm of connective and other soft tissue of head, face, and neck
226	Benign neoplasm of thyroid glands
227.1	Benign neoplasm of parathyroid gland
234.8	Carcinoma in situ of other specified sites
239.7	Neoplasms of unspecified nature, endocrine glands and other parts of nervous system
240.0-240.9	Simple and unspecified goiter
241.0-241.9	Nontoxic nodular goiter
242.00-242.91	Thyrotoxicosis with or without goiter
245.0	Acute thyroiditis
245.1	Subacute thyroiditis
245.9	Thyroiditis, unspecified
246.0-246.9	Other disorders of thyroid
252.8	Other specified disorders of parathyroid gland
682.0	Other cellulitis and abscess of face
682.1	Other cellulitis and abscess of neck
759.2	Anomalies of other endocrine glands
784.2	Swelling, mass, or lump in head and neck
785.6	Enlargement of lymph nodes
794.5	Nonspecific abnormal results of thyroid function studies
V10.87	Personal history of malignant neoplasm of thyroid
V15.3	Irradiation (Previous exposure to therapeutic or other ionizing radiation)

Indications and Limitations of Coverage and/or Medical Necessity

Florida Medicare will consider ultrasound of the head and neck medically reasonable and necessary when used for the following indications:

- Evaluation of abnormalities in the tissues and/or organs of the head and neck (i.e., palpable masses)
- Evaluation of abnormalities detected on other imaging examinations (i.e., areas of abnormal uptake seen on radioisotope thyroid examinations)
- Personal or family history of thyroid malignancies
- Evaluation of suspected regional nodal metastases in patients with a proven thyroid carcinoma
- Follow-up of lesion/nodule (i.e., after medical suppression therapy)
- Localization of thyroid/parathyroid glands or cervical lymph nodes for biopsy, ablation, or other interventional procedures