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PEIA Policy for MRI Guided High Intensity Focused Ultrasound Ablation for Essential Tremors

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Facilities Covered Under This Policy:

West Virginia University Ruby Memorial Hospital

Medically Necessary

I. Unilateral focused ultrasound thalamotomy is considered medically necessary for the treatment of adults with essential tremors when all of the following criteria are met:

- A. Moderate to severe tremor of the hand (as defined by a score of 2 or greater on the clinical rating scale for tremor [CRST]); and
- B. Failure of 2 or more tremor suppressant medications, as evidenced by persistent moderate to severe tremors, intolerable side effects of drug therapy or contraindications; and
- C. At least 1 of the medications failed was a first line agent (propranolol or primidone).