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

**Effective Date:** December 1, 2025

**CPT code:** 61715

**ICD Code:** G25.0

### **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).