

CHAMPVA POLICY MANUAL

CHAPTER: 2
SECTION: 29.9
TITLE: LINEAR ACCELERATOR (LINAC) RADIOSURGERY

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RELATED AUTHORITY: 32 CFR 199.4(a) and (b)

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I. EFFECTIVE DATE

- A. January 1, 1994, for metastatic brain tumors
- B. April 1, 1996, for arteriovenous malformations and acoustic neuromas.

II. DESCRIPTION

Linear accelerator (LINAC) is a stereotactic radiosurgery device. The LINAC generates a single beam of photons which are swept around the target in arcs that intersect at an isocenter where the target is located.

III. POLICY

Linear accelerator stereotactic radiosurgery may be considered for CHAMPVA cost-sharing for the following indications:

- 1. Arteriovenous malformations.
- 2. Acoustic neuromas (vestibular Schwannomas).
- 3. Metastatic brain tumors.

IV. EXCLUSIONS

Linear accelerator stereotactic radiosurgery is considered unproven and not covered for the following indications: [38 CFR 17.272(a)(14)]

- 1. Meningiomas.

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2. Gliomas.
3. Crainopharyngiomas.

END OF POLICY