

# BULLETIN

## Changes to CT Imaging Orders: Code Stroke, CT Brain Perfusion, CTA Head and CTA Neck

### Ordering Providers

This bulletin outlines changes to Imaging Code Stroke Panel and orders for CTA Head and CTA Neck.

These changes will take effect on **January 1, 2026**.

**IMPORTANT:** Providers must make changes to their personal preference list(s) according to the information provided below.

### Imaging Code Stroke Panel – New Brain Perfusion Order

- This order will remain unchanged: **CT code stroke head without IV contrast 70450**
- Within the panel, the existing CT brain perfusion with IV contrast 0042T order will expire.
  - This will be replaced with **CT brain perfusion w IV contrast w concurrent CT/CTA head 70472**.
- Within the panel, the existing CTA head with and without IV contrast 70496 and CTA neck with and without IV contrast 70498 will be replaced with a combination order.
  - These separate orders will be replaced with **CTA head and neck with and without IV contrast 70471**.

#### Existing Code Stroke Panel

<p>① CT code stroke head without IV contrast 70450        STAT, Once, today at 1019, For 1 occurrence        Reason for exam: Code Stroke</p> <p>② CT brain perfusion with IV contrast 0042T        STAT, Once, today at 1019, For 1 occurrence        Reason for exam: Code Stroke        The order for contrast is authorized per Catholic Health protocol. Select reference link for contrast policy. Yes</p> <p>③ CTA head with and without IV contrast 70496        STAT, Once, today at 1019, For 1 occurrence        Reason for exam: Code Stroke        The order for contrast is authorized per Catholic Health protocol. Select reference link for contrast policy. Yes</p> <p>④ CTA neck with and without IV contrast 70498        STAT, Once, today at 1019, For 1 occurrence        Reason for exam: Code Stroke        The order for contrast is authorized per Catholic Health protocol. Select reference link for contrast policy. Yes</p>	<p><b>Expired</b></p> <p><b>Combined</b></p>
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#### NEW Code Stroke Panel (includes 3 orders)

<p>① CT code stroke head without IV contrast 70450        STAT, Once, today at 1440, For 1 occurrence        Reason for exam: Code Stroke</p> <p>② CT brain perfusion w IV contrast w concurrent CT/CTA head 70472        STAT, Once, today at 1440, For 1 occurrence        The order for contrast is authorized per Catholic Health protocol. Select reference link for contrast policy. Yes        Reason for exam: Code Stroke</p> <p>③ CTA head and neck with and without IV contrast 70471        STAT, Once, today at 1440, For 1 occurrence        The order for contrast is authorized per Catholic Health protocol. Select reference link for contrast policy. Yes        Reason for exam: Code Stroke</p>	<p><b>Replacement</b></p> <p><b>Replacement</b></p>
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## Non-Code Stroke Imaging

- The following existing individual orders will still be available:
  - CTA HEAD W AND WO IV CONTRAST 70496 [IMG786]
  - CTA NECK W AND WO IV CONTRAST 70498 [IMG199]
  - CTA HEAD W IV CONTRAST 70496 [IMG73200]
  - CTA NECK W IV CONTRAST 70498 [IMG72596]
- If ordering **both** a CTA Head and a CTA Neck with IV contrast the new combined order should be placed:
  - CTA HEAD AND NECK W IV CONTRAST 70471 [IMG73338]
- If ordering **both** a CTA Head and a CTA Neck with and without IV contrast the new combined order should be placed:
  - CTA HEAD AND NECK W AND WO IV CONTRAST 70471 [IMG73339]
- If ordering a CT Brain Perfusion with IV Contrast along with a CT or CTA Head the following new order should be placed:
  - CT BRAIN PERfusion W IV CONTRAST W CONCURRENT CT/CTA HEAD 70472 [IMG73336]
- If ordering a CT Brain Perfusion with IV Contrast without an order for CT or CTA Head the following new order should be placed:
  - CT BRAIN PERfusion W IV CONTRAST WO CONCURRENT CT/CTA HEAD 70473 [IMG73337]