

CHIARI MALFORMATION

All Classes
(Updated 03/27/2024)

DISEASE/CONDITION	EVALUATION DATA	DISPOSITION
<p>A. Type I (aka low-lying tonsils)</p> <p>Incidental finding on imaging</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Chiari 1 decompression surgery 2+ years ago</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Asymptomatic</p>	<p>The AME should review:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A current, detailed Clinical Progress Note generated from a clinic visit with the treating physician no more than 90 days prior to the AME exam. 2. It must specifically include the reason the imaging was performed. <p>If review of documentation verifies the Chiari malformation is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An incidental finding on imaging OR • Was surgically corrected 2 or more years ago; • Is asymptomatic; • No additional treatment recommended; and • No symptoms that would interfere with flight or safety related duties: <p>(If an underlying condition is identified, e.g., headaches, see that page.)</p>	<div data-bbox="1216 300 1531 338" style="background-color: green; height: 18px; width: 100%;"></div> <p style="text-align: center;">ISSUE</p> <p>Annotate Block 60 and submit the evaluation to the FAA for retention in the file.</p>
<p>B. Type 1 surgically corrected/decompressed within the past 2 years</p>	<p>No mandatory recovery period after decompression surgery. If no complications, can consider once the treating neurosurgeon has determined recovered, no symptoms and is stable.</p> <p>Submit the following for FAA review:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clinical records pertaining to condition (which identifies why surgery was performed); 2. Operative report; 3. Post-operative clinical notes from neurosurgeon; and 4. A current, detailed Clinical Progress Note generated from a clinic visit with the provider managing the Chiari I finding no more than 90 days prior to the AME exam. It must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A detailed summary of the history of the condition; • Current medications, dosage, and side effects (if any); • Physical exam findings; 	<div data-bbox="1216 1085 1531 1123" style="background-color: red; height: 18px; width: 100%;"></div> <p style="text-align: center;">DEFER</p> <p>Submit the information to the FAA for a possible Special Issuance</p> <p>Annotate (elements or findings) in Block 60.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Results of any testing performed; • Diagnosis; assessment and plan; prognosis; and follow-up. <p>It must specifically include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If symptoms have resolved; • Any functional impact; and • Any abnormalities in the neurological exam. 	
<p>C. Currently symptomatic</p> <p>OR</p> <p>ANY Chiari type (II, III, IV)</p>	<p>Submit the following for FAA review:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A current, detailed neurological evaluation that meets FAA Specifications for Neurologic Evaluation generated from a clinic visit with the treating neurologist no more than 90 days prior to the AME exam. <p>It must specifically include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description of symptoms; • Consider syringomyelia and supply spinal cord imaging if deemed clinically necessary; and • Any follow-up or treatment needed <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Operative/procedure report(s); (if performed); 3. MRI of the brain performed w/in previous 12 months the AME exam.; <p>Note: Submit the interpretive report on paper and imaging on CD in DICOM readable format. (There must be a file named 'DICOMDIR' in the root directory of the CD-ROM). Please verify the CD will display the images before sending. Applicants may wish to retain a copy of all films as a safeguard if lost in the mail.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Additional imaging studies (MRI spine, etc.) already performed or clinically indicated; and 5. If Chiari Type II, submit copies of most recent spinal cord imaging for syringomyelia. 	<div data-bbox="1218 489 1533 527" style="background-color: red; height: 18px; width: 100%;"></div> <p style="text-align: center;">DEFER</p> <p>Submit the information to the FAA for a possible Special Issuance</p> <p>Annotate (elements or findings) in Block 60.</p>