

ARTERIOVENOUS MALFORMATION (AVM) – Neurological (Brain or Spinal Cord)

All Classes
(Updated 08/26/2026)

DISEASE/CONDITION	EVALUATION DATA	DISPOSITION
A. Brain or Spinal Cord Not requiring treatment	Submit to the FAA for review: 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 before the AME exam. 2. Imaging studies: • MRI brain to include sequences sensitive to the presence of hemosiderin performed no more than 12 months before the AME exam. • CTA (preferred) or MRA head performed no more than 12 months before the AME exam. • Previous Imaging (such as CT, MRI, CTA, MRA, or cerebral catheter angiography/cath angio of the head) performed at any time after the symptoms occurred. • Submit BOTH the report and a copy of all images on compact disc (CD) in DICOM readable format. (There MUST be a 'DICOMDIR' in the root directory of the CD-ROM). Please verify the CD will display the images before sending. You may wish to retain copies of all CDs or images as a safeguard if lost in the mail. 3. Any other testing performed or deemed necessary by the treating physician. Note: If associated with a seizure – see that section. A recovery period may apply.	DEFER Submit the information to the FAA for a possible Special Issuance
B. Brain or Spinal Cord Treated with embolization procedure Ruptured or repaired	Submit the following for FAA review: 1. All items in Row A. 2. Imaging studies. Performed after any procedure to verify the condition has been fully treated. 3. Hospital records for each hospitalization related to this condition. It must include	DEFER Submit the information to the FAA for a possible Special Issuance

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	information on surgeries and procedures such as embolization. • Admission History and Physical (H&P). • Emergency Medical; Services (EMS)/ambulance run sheet (if applicable); • Hospital consultant report(s) (such as neurology, cardiology, internal medicine, or other specialists); • Hospital discharge summary (typically, the patient portal notes or after visit summary (AVS) that can be printed from the electronic medical record are NOT sufficient for pilot medical certification purposes.); • Lab report(s) including all drug or alcohol testing performed; • Operative/procedure report(s); • Pathology report(s); and • Radiology reports. The interpretive report(s) AND IMAGES of all diagnostic imaging (CT Scan, MRI, X-ray, ultrasound, or others) performed. • DO NOT submit miscellaneous hospital records such as flowsheets, nursing notes, physician orders, or medication administration records. Note: If the applicant has a large volume of records, it is recommended that they bring them to the exam so the AME can assist in determining what is miscellaneous and not needed by the FAA.	
C. AVM - Peripheral (e.g. lungs, liver, or bone)	See that page: AVM - Peripheral (e.g. lungs, liver, or bone)	