



Subject: Video and Ambulatory EEG Monitoring*

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Department(s): Utilization Management

Policy: Twenty-four hour video (CPT 95951) and ambulatory (CPT 95950, 95953) electroencephalogram (EEG) monitoring is reimbursable under Plans administered by QualCare, Inc.

Objective: To insure proper and consistent reimbursement and to provide criteria under which 24-hour video and ambulatory EEG monitoring shall be reimbursed.

Procedure:

A. The requesting physician shall document that

1. history, physical examination, and conventional EEG do not allow a presumptive diagnosis of a seizure disorder to be confirmed

OR

2. behavior or activity persists, in patients being treated with anticonvulsant medications, that may represent seizure activity

OR

3. the result of 24-hour video EEG monitoring will be

used in determining the medical necessity of surgical management of a seizure disorder.

- B. Up to five days of hospitalization may be authorized for 24-hour video EEG monitoring.
- C. If a period greater than five days of inpatient video EEG monitoring is felt to be needed, each day beyond the fifth shall require concurrent medical review for continued authorization.
- D. Up to seven days of ambulatory EEG monitoring may be authorized.
- E. If a period greater than seven days of ambulatory EEG monitoring is felt to be needed, each two-day increment beyond the seventh day shall require medical review for continued authorization.
- F. Digital analysis of EEG (**CPT 95957**) is reimbursable separately from the other codes used for reading of EEG tracings

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