



Aetna Better Health® of Louisiana

Reimbursement Policy Statement Louisiana Medicaid

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Neurology Policy-Ambulatory or 24 hour EEG Monitoring		ABHLA-RP-0009	
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Medical	Administrative	Pharmacy	Reimbursement

Aetna Better Health of Louisiana reimbursement policies are intended to provide a general reference for claims filing, coding and documentation guidelines. Coding methodology, regulatory requirements, industry-standard claims logic, benefits design and other factors not listed in this policy statement are considered in the development of reimbursement policies.

In addition to this Policy, reimbursement of rendered services are subject to member benefits, eligibility on the date of service, medical necessity, other plan policies and procedures, claim editing logic, provider contracts and all applicable authorization, notification and utilization management guidelines set forth by the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

This policy does not ensure either an authorization or reimbursement of services. Please refer to the plan contract for the service(s) referenced therein. If there is a conflict between either this policy or the plan contract, then the plan contract will be the controlling document used to make an authorization or payment determination.

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A. Policy

Aetna Better Health of Louisiana implements comprehensive and robust policies to ensure alignment with Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) and to warrant that regulatory standards are met. According to Aetna's policy, ambulatory or 24 hour EEG monitoring (95950, 95951, 95993, 95956) is appropriately utilized and reimbursed for certain diagnoses or suspected diagnoses such as seizure disorders, meningococcal encephalitis or unspecified coma.

B. Overview

Ambulatory or 24 hour electroencephalographic (EEG) is being referred to as an Aetna Better Health of Louisiana approved diagnostic procedure when seizure disorders, meningococcal encephalitis or coma's are suspected, but not yet officially diagnosed. The medically necessary level of care a member requires should be stated on an individual basis, in accordance with the patient's personal necessity of treatment.

C. Definitions

Electroencephalographic (EEG) - a necessary procedure to identify and localize seizure potential in persons with intractable epilepsy. In addition, the American EEG Society has stated that this procedure is widely regarded as safe and effective for evaluating seizure disorders, etc.

D. Reimbursement Guidelines

Please refer below to codes/conditions of coverage and the link for certain diagnoses codes.

E. Codes/Condition of Coverage

CPT Codes aforementioned in Policy: (This list is not inclusive. Please refer to the fee schedule cited in the Resources section):

95950-Monitors cerebral seizure focus, findings during 24 hour duration
95991-Monitors localization of seizure focus by cable or radio
95953-Monitors localization seizure focus by computerized portables unattended
95956-Monitors localization seizure focus by computerized portables attended
G40.1xx-G40.2xx-(Seizures)
G04.90-(Meningococcal Encephalitis)
R40.20-(Unspecified Coma)

ICD-10 Diagnosis Codes:

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/OutpatientCodeEdit/Downloads/ICD-10-IOCE-Code-Lists.pdf>

F. Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Is EEG considered medically necessary after an uncertain diagnosis?



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A: Electroencephalographic (EEG) video monitoring is considered medically necessary for the following indications: for investigative purposes where epilepsy is suspected, to confirm epilepsy, to decipher between neurological and cardiac related episodes and to identify or evaluate seizures.

G. Review/Revision Date

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H. Resources

Louisiana Department of Health State Contract, regulations, Provider Manual, fee schedules and notices

<http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/Providermanuals/manuals/PS/PS.pdf>

Individual state Medicaid regulations, manuals & fee schedules

http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/fee_schedules/feeschedulesindex.htm

American Medical Association, *Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) Professional Edition* and associated publications and services

<https://www.ama-assn.org/>

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, CMS Manual System and other CMS publications and services

<https://www.cms.gov/>