

CHAPTER 1
SECTION 22.5

24-HOUR AMBULATORY ELECTROENCEPHALOGRAPHIC (EEG) MONITORING

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I. PROCEDURE CODE

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II. DESCRIPTION

24-hour ambulatory EEG monitoring is a portable, noninvasive diagnostic technique used to continuously record brain wave patterns during the 24 hours of a patient's routine daily activities and sleep. The monitoring equipment consists of an electrode set, preamplifiers, and a cassette recorder. The electrodes attach to the scalp, and their leads are connected to a recorder, usually worn on a belt.

III. POLICY

24-hour ambulatory EEG monitoring may be considered for cost-sharing when determined to be medically necessary in the evaluation of poorly defined neurologic disorders such as, syncopal episodes of obscure origin, or significantly altered states of consciousness.

IV. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

A. 24-hour ambulatory EEG should always be preceded by a resting EEG.

B. Claims involving 24-hour ambulatory EEG monitoring for a period in excess of 24-hours may be considered for cost-sharing when determined to be medically necessary.

V. EFFECTIVE DATE December 22, 1982.

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