

## ENDOCRINE SYSTEM

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### I. CPT<sup>1</sup> PROCEDURE CODES

60000 - 60699

### II. DESCRIPTION

A. The endocrine system consists of glands and other structures that elaborate internal secretions (hormones) which are released directly into the circulatory system and which influence metabolism and other body processes.

B. Organs having endocrine function include the pituitary, thyroid, parathyroid, and adrenal glands, the pineal body, the gonads, the pancreas, and the paraganglia.

### III. POLICY

Services and supplies required in the diagnosis and treatment of illness or injury involving the endocrine system are covered.

### IV. EXCLUSION

Carotid body resection (CPT<sup>1</sup> procedure codes 60600 and 60605) when done solely to relieve the symptoms of pulmonary dyspnea, including chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, is unproven.

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