

## Endocrine System

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### 1.0 CPT<sup>1</sup> PROCEDURE CODES

60000 - 60699

### 2.0 DESCRIPTION

**2.1** 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.

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

### 3.0 POLICY

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

**3.2** Effective August 31, 2015, off-label use of Sandostatin LAR/octreotide in the treatment of autosomal dominant polycystic kidney disease is covered.

### 4.0 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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