# Sleep Studies

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*This reimbursement policy applies to all health care services billed on a CMS-1500 form or its electronic equivalent, or when billed on a UB-04 form or its electronic equivalent.*

*To the extent that any procedure and/or diagnosis codes are specified in this policy, such inclusion is provided for reference purposes only, may not be all inclusive, and is not intended to serve as billing instructions. Listing of a code in this policy does not imply that the service described by the code is a covered or non-covered health service. Benefit coverage for health services is determined by federal, state, or contractual requirements and applicable laws that may require coverage for a specific service. The inclusion of a code does not imply any right to reimbursement or guarantee claim payment. Other Policies and Guidelines may apply.*

## Policy Overview

This policy addresses reimbursement requirements for sleep studies also known as polysomnography.

## Exceptions

N/A

## Reimbursement Guidelines

Polysomnography is a test used to diagnose sleep disorders. It records brain waves, the blood oxygen level, heart rate and breathing during sleep. It also measures eye and leg movements.

The following procedures will not be reimbursed when billed more than twice in a three-year period.

| CPT code | Description |
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| 95808 | Polysomnography: any age, sleep staging with 1-3 additional parameters of sleep, attended by a technologist |
| 95810 | Polysomnography: age 6 years or older, sleep staging with 4 or more additional parameters of sleep, attended by a technologist |
| 95782 | Polysomnography; younger than 6 years of age |

Polysomnography (95782, 95783, 95808, 95810 or 95811) is not reimbursable when more than one unit is billed per day. It is also not reimbursable if one unit is billed on two consecutive days. A requisite diagnosis, such as hypersomnia, narcolepsy, chronic respiratory failure, or sleep disturbances, is required for reimbursement. An evaluation and management (E/M) code must be billed the same date of the service or within the previous 12 months for reimbursement.

Unattended sleep studies (home sleep studies), CPT code, 95800, will not be reimbursed without a diagnosis of obstructive sleep apnea or hypersomnia.

## Definitions

**Polysomnography**
A sleep study, also known as a polysomnography, is a diagnostic test that monitors various physiological parameters during sleep to identify and diagnose sleep disorders.

## Edit Sources

I. Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) and associated publications and services.
II. International Classification of Diseases,10th Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM).
III. Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS).
IV. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).
V. The National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI).
VI. https://oig.hhs.gov/reports-and-publications/workplan/summary/wp-summary-0000123.asp
VII. Applicable manual reference.
VIII. Applicable health plans guidance
IX. Applicable Medicaid Fee Schedule(s).

## Attachments

N/A

## Associated Policies

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## Policy History

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