Cardiokymography

Medical Policy

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Policy Number: 049

Related Policies
None

Policy

Commercial Members: Managed Care (HMO and POS), PPO, and Indemnity Medicare HMO BlueSM and Medicare PPO BlueSM Members

Cardiokymography may be MEDICALLY NECESSARY only when it is used as an adjunct to electrocardiographic stress testing in evaluating coronary artery disease and only when the following clinical indications are present:
• Male patients with atypical angina pectoris or non-ischemic chest pain, or
• Female patients with typical or atypical angina.

Prior Authorization Information

Commercial Members: Managed Care (HMO and POS)
Prior authorization is NOT required.

Commercial Members: PPO, and Indemnity
Prior authorization is NOT required.

Medicare Members: HMO BlueSM
Prior authorization is NOT required.

Medicare Members: PPO BlueSM
Prior authorization is NOT required.
CPT Codes / HCPCS Codes / ICD-9 Codes
The following codes are included below for informational purposes. Inclusion or exclusion of a code does not constitute or imply member coverage or provider reimbursement. Please refer to the member's contract benefits in effect at the time of service to determine coverage or non-coverage as it applies to an individual member.

Providers should report all services using the most up-to-date industry-standard procedure, revenue, and diagnosis codes, including modifiers where applicable.

CPT Codes
There is no specific CPT code for this service.

HCPCS Codes

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ICD-9 Diagnosis Codes
Covered for ICD-9 codes that align with medical policy statement.

Description
Cardiokymography (CKG) is a noninvasive procedure used to detect stress-induced abnormalities in the left wall of the heart. This procedure provides an additional means for the diagnosis and assessment of coronary artery disease. Although CKG may be performed as an independent test, the greatest benefit of this test is achieved through its adjunctive use with electrocardiographic (ECG) stress testing.

Summary
This procedure provides an additional means for the diagnosis and assessment of coronary artery disease and cardiac ischemia. Although CKG may be performed as an independent test, the greatest benefit of this test is achieved through its adjunctive use with electrocardiographic (ECG) stress testing. CKG is a simple, relatively inexpensive add-on test to the standard exercise test; BCBSMA considers the test medically necessary in the specific circumstances described in the policy statement.

Policy History

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Information Pertaining to All Blue Cross Blue Shield Medical Policies
Click on any of the following terms to access the relevant information:
Medical Policy Terms of Use
Managed Care Guidelines
Indemnity/PPO Guidelines
Clinical Exception Process
Medical Technology Assessment Guidelines
References

Endnotes