Medical Policy
Dynamic Spinal Visualization

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Policy Number: 195
BCBSA Reference Number: 6.01.46

Related Policies
- Positional Magnetic Resonance Imaging, #106

Policy
Commercial Members: Managed Care (HMO and POS), PPO, and Indemnity Medicare HMO BlueSM and Medicare PPO BlueSM Members
The use of dynamic spinal visualization is INVESTIGATIONAL.

Prior Authorization Information
Commercial Members: Managed Care (HMO and POS)
This is NOT a covered service.

Commercial Members: PPO, and Indemnity
This is NOT a covered service.

Medicare Members: HMO BlueSM
This is NOT a covered service.

Medicare Members: PPO BlueSM
This is NOT a covered service.

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

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### Description

Dynamic spinal visualization is a general term addressing different imaging technologies, including digital motion x-ray and videofluoroscopy (also known as cineradiography). These technologies allow the simultaneous visualization of movement of internal body structures, such as the spine (vertebrae), with corresponding external body movement. All of these methods use x-rays to create images either on film, video monitor, or computer screen.

Digital motion x-ray involves the use of either film x-ray or computer-based x-ray ‘snapshots’, taken in sequence as a patient moves, with subsequent video replay to capture a moving image of the inside of the body. Videofluoroscopy (cineradiography) uses fluoroscopy to create real-time video images of internal structures of the body instead of taking ‘snapshots’.

Both technologies have been proposed for the evaluation of varying aspects of the body's vertebral structures, such as intervertebral flexion, extension, and presence of abnormalities, for the evaluation of spinal disorders including low back pain.

### Summary

The evidence on dynamic spinal visualization consists predominantly of comparisons of spine kinetics in patients with neck or back pain with healthy controls.] This evidence is insufficient to evaluate the effect on health outcomes of digital motion x-rays or cineradiography/videofluoroscopy of the spine for any indication. Therefore, dynamic spinal visualization is considered investigational.

### 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:
References