Welch Allyn ABPM

2016 REIMBURSEMENT INFORMATION

CPT® CODING RESOURCE FOR AMBULATORY BLOOD PRESSURE MONITORING & MEDICARE PHYSICIAN FEE SCHEDULE

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Rates are subject to change. Effective 1/1/2016.

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¹National Average from the 2016 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Physician Fee Schedule.

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Facility—Includes hospitals (inpatient, outpatient and emergency department), ambulatory surgery centers (ASCs) and skilled nursing facilities (SNFs).

Non-Facility—Includes all other settings.

MEDICARE

Medicare has instituted a National Coverage Determination (NCD) outlining coverage guidelines for ambulatory blood pressure monitoring (ABPM) for Medicare beneficiaries.²

ABPM is covered only for those patients with suspected white coat hypertension. White coat hypertension is defined as a condition in which the physician suspects the patient has higher blood pressure during a physician office visit than during daily life due to anxiety or other factors the patient experiences in the office.

The clinical criteria for white coat hypertension are defined as:

- Office blood pressure greater than 140/90 mmHg on at least three separate clinic/office visits with two separate measurements made at each visit;
- At least two documented blood pressure measurements taken outside the office which are less than 140/90 mmHg; and
- No evidence of end-organ damage.

In addition to the above criteria, ABPM must be performed for a period of at least 24 hours to be eligible for Medicare reimbursement.

²CMS NCD Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitoring 100-3, Manual Section 20.19 Effective July 1, 2003
PRIVATE PAYERS
ABPM may be covered by private payers for suspected white coat hypertension meeting similar clinical criteria as defined by Medicare. Some private payer plans may also cover ABPM for additional clinical indications, possibly including but not necessarily limited to the following:

- Resistant hypertension (little prior response to hypertension medications)
- Evaluation of hypotensive symptoms as a response to hypertension medications
- Nocturnal angina
- Episodic hypertension
- Evaluation of syncope (in conjunction with a Holter monitor to test for arrhythmia)

Coverage guidelines and payment levels vary by payer and specific plan. Providers should contact each specific plan to determine coverage and payment for ABPM.

Providers should refer to their Medicare Contractors’ Local Coverage Determinations for specific coverage and billing guidelines.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Include documentation in the patient’s records to indicate medical necessity for a separate service.
- Confirm that proper ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes are reported to justify medical necessity of ABPM.
- Some payers may have specific requirements for using certain codes, including prior authorization, restricted medical diagnoses or specialty provider types.

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