

AMBULATORY ELECTROENCEPHALOGRAPHY (EEG)

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1. Policies are subject to change without notice.
2. Policies outline coverage determinations for SelectHealth Commercial, SelectHealth Advantage (Medicare), and SelectHealth Community Care (Medicaid) plans. Refer to the “Policy” section for more information.

Description

An ambulatory electroencephalogram (EEG) is a neuro-diagnostic test that measures and records the electrical activity in the brain. Unlike an EEG, an ambulatory EEG allows an extended recording without the confinement of a hospital or an office.

An ambulatory EEG is often performed when an extended recording is necessary to diagnose a disorder. While a traditional EEG records for 1–2 hours, an ambulatory EEG has the ability to record continuously for up to 72 hours, increasing the likelihood that abnormal electrical activity in the brain can be recorded. An ambulatory EEG may be ordered to confirm an epilepsy diagnosis, confirm the existence of unaware seizures, evaluate the effectiveness of a treatment plan for a seizure disorder, evaluate nocturnal or sleep-related events, or evaluate syncope (a sudden and temporary loss of consciousness).

Commercial Plan Policy

SelectHealth will cover a 72-hour ambulatory EEG (with or without home video monitoring) up to two times in 12 rolling months (if first test was not diagnostic) for any of the following indications, after a standard EEG has been interpreted and lacks pathological findings.

Interpretation of an EEG must be billed on the same day as the technical portion.

Based on NCCI edits, an Ambulatory EEG billed in conjunction with a standard EEG on the same day, will result in payment for only the Ambulatory EEG on that day.

SelectHealth Advantage (Medicare/CMS)

SelectHealth Advantage **will follow the commercial plan policy.**

SelectHealth Community Care (Medicaid)

SelectHealth Community Care **will follow the commercial plan policy.**

Applicable Codes

| CPT Codes | Descriptions |
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| 95705 | Electroencephalogram (EEG), without video, review of data, technical description by EEG technologist, 2-12 hours; unmonitored |
| 95706 | Electroencephalogram (EEG), without video, review of data, technical description by EEG technologist, 2-12 hours; with intermittent monitoring and maintenance |
| 95707 | Electroencephalogram (EEG), without video, review of data, technical description by EEG technologist, 2-12 hours; with continuous, real-time monitoring and maintenance |
| 95708 | Electroencephalogram (EEG), without video, review of data, technical description by EEG technologist, each increment of 12-26 hours; unmonitored |
| 95709 | Electroencephalogram (EEG), without video, review of data, technical description by EEG technologist, each increment of 12-26 hours; with intermittent monitoring and maintenance |
| 95710 | Electroencephalogram (EEG), without video, review of data, technical description by EEG technologist, each increment of 12-26 hours; with continuous, real-time monitoring and maintenance |
| 95711 | Electroencephalogram with video (VEEG), review of data, technical description by EEG technologist, 2-12 hours; unmonitored |
| 95712 | Electroencephalogram with video (VEEG), review of data, technical description by EEG technologist, 2-12 hours; with intermittent monitoring and maintenance |
| 95713 | Electroencephalogram with video (VEEG), review of data, technical description by EEG technologist, 2-12 hours; with continuous, real-time monitoring and maintenance |
| 95714 | Electroencephalogram with video (VEEG), review of data, technical description by EEG technologist, each increment of 12-26 hours; unmonitored |
| 95715 | Electroencephalogram with video (VEEG), review of data, technical description by EEG technologist, each increment of 12-26 hours; with intermittent monitoring and maintenance |
| 95716 | Electroencephalogram with video (VEEG), review of data, technical description by EEG technologist, each increment of 12-26 hours; with continuous, real-time monitoring and maintenance |
| 95717 | Electroencephalogram (EEG), continuous recording, physician or other qualified health care professional review of recorded events, analysis of spike and seizure detection, interpretation and report, 2-12 hours of EEG recording; without video |
| 95718 | Electroencephalogram (EEG), continuous recording, physician or other qualified health care professional review of recorded events, analysis of spike and seizure detection, interpretation and report, 2-12 hours of EEG recording; with video (VEEG) |
| 95719 | Electroencephalogram (EEG), continuous recording, physician or other qualified health care professional review of recorded events, analysis of spike and seizure detection, each increment of greater than 12 hours, up to 26 hours of EEG recording, interpretation and report after each 24-hour period; without video |
| 95720 | Electroencephalogram (EEG), continuous recording, physician or other qualified health care professional review of recorded events, analysis of spike and seizure detection, each increment of greater than 12 hours, up to 26 hours of EEG recording, interpretation and report after each 24-hour period; with video (VEEG) |
| 95721 | Electroencephalogram (EEG), continuous recording, physician or other qualified health care professional review of recorded events, analysis of spike and seizure detection, interpretation, and summary report, complete study; greater than 36 hours, up to 60 hours of EEG recording, without video |
| 95722 | Electroencephalogram (EEG), continuous recording, physician or other qualified health care professional review of recorded events, analysis of spike and seizure detection, interpretation, and summary report, complete study; greater than 36 hours, up to 60 hours of EEG recording, with video (VEEG) |
| 95723 | Electroencephalogram (EEG), continuous recording, physician or other qualified health care professional review of recorded events, analysis of spike and seizure detection, interpretation, and summary report, complete study; greater than 60 hours, up to 84 hours of EEG recording, without video |
| 95724 | Electroencephalogram (EEG), continuous recording, physician or other qualified health care professional review of recorded events, analysis of spike and seizure detection, |

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| | interpretation, and summary report, complete study; greater than 60 hours, up to 84 hours of EEG recording, with video (VEEG) |
| 95725 | Electroencephalogram (EEG), continuous recording, physician or other qualified health care professional review of recorded events, analysis of spike and seizure detection, interpretation, and summary report, complete study; greater than 84 hours of EEG recording, without video |
| 95726 | Electroencephalogram (EEG), continuous recording, physician or other qualified health care professional review of recorded events, analysis of spike and seizure detection, interpretation, and summary report, complete study; greater than 84 hours of EEG recording, with video (VEEG) |

Sources

1. Ambulatory Electroencephalography (EEG). (n.d.). Retrieved from: <https://www.shh.org/outpatient-services/neurodiagnostics/ambulatory-electroencephalography.asp>

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