Medica Coverage Policy

Policy Name: Actigraphy
Effective Date: 6/1/2017

Important Information – Please Read Before Using This Policy

These services may or may not be covered by all Medica plans. Please refer to the member’s plan document for specific coverage information. If there is a difference between this general information and the member’s plan document, the member’s plan document will be used to determine coverage. With respect to Medicare and Minnesota Health Care Programs, this policy will apply unless those programs require different coverage. Members may contact Medica Customer Service at the phone number listed on their member identification card to discuss their benefits more specifically. Providers with questions about this Medica coverage policy may call the Medica Provider Service Center toll-free at 1-800-458-5512.

Medica coverage policies are not medical advice. Members should consult with appropriate health care providers to obtain needed medical advice, care and treatment.

Coverage Policy
Actigraphy is COVERED for clinical evaluation and monitoring of:

- Insomnia
- Hypersomnia
- Circadian rhythm disorders.

Actigraphy is investigative and unproven and therefore NOT COVERED as a stand-alone test for diagnosis and monitoring of all other indications, including but not limited to:

- Obstructive sleep apnea/hypopnea syndrome (OSAHS)
- Behavioral health conditions, such as attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)
- Movement disorders, such as restless leg syndrome.

There is insufficient reliable evidence in the form of high quality peer-reviewed medical literature to establish the efficacy or effects on health care outcomes.

Note: See also related Medica coverage policy; Sleep Studies for Initial Diagnosis of Obstructive Sleep Apnea

Note: This policy is no longer scheduled for routine review of the scientific literature.

Description
Actigraphy units include an accelerometer that continually records patient movements during waking and sleeping hours. The data recorded by the device can be downloaded and analyzed by a clinician. Actigraphs vary widely in size and features and can be expanded to include sensors which monitor light, sound, and temperature, or allow for subjective user input.

Actigraphy measures movement of a limb, but does not measure sleep or the subjective experience of sleep. Actigraphy is used to assist in clinical evaluation of circadian rhythm sleep disorders, insomnia and hypersomnia. It has also been proposed for diagnosis and monitoring of obstructive sleep apnea/hypopnea syndrome (OSAHS), behavioral conditions including attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), and movement disorders such as restless leg syndrome. Actigraphy is usually performed in an outpatient setting, such as a sleep laboratory or clinic, or in the home.
FDA Approval
Multiple actigraphy devices have received FDA approval including, but not limited to:
- Actical® (Philips Respironics/Philips MiniMitter®)
- ActiHeart® (CamNtech Ltd.)
- ActiTrac® (IM [Individual Monitoring] Systems, Inc.),
- Actiwatch® (Philips Respironics/Philips MiniMitter®)
- Actiwave® (CamNtech Ltd.)
- GT3X Activity Monitor (ActiGraph, LLC).
- Watch-Pat 100 (Itamar Medical)

Prior Authorization
Prior authorization is not required. However, services with specific coverage criteria may be reviewed retrospectively to determine if criteria are being met. Retrospective denial may result if criteria are not met.

Coding Considerations
Use the current applicable CPT/HCPCS code(s). The following codes are included below for informational purposes only, and are subject to change without notice. Inclusion or exclusion of a code does not constitute or imply member coverage or provider reimbursement.

CPT Codes:
95803 – Actigraphy testing, recording, analysis, interpretation, and report (minimum of 72 hours to 14 consecutive days of recording)

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