Medica Coverage Policy

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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, Medicaid and MinnesotaCare members, this policy will apply unless these 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.

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Wireless pulmonary artery pressure monitoring systems for monitoring heart failure (e.g., CardioMEMS) are investigative and therefore NOT COVERED.

Description

The CardioMEMSTM HF System employs a miniaturized, wireless monitoring sensor that is implanted in the pulmonary artery in order to directly measure pulmonary artery (PA) pressure in individuals previously hospitalized with heart failure. The system does not require batteries or leads, and it is designed to last the lifetime of the individual.

The individual has control of a portable, external electronic device, which allows transmission of PA pressure readings directly to a secure website where the data can be seen and interpreted by the individual’s clinician. This is purported to allow personalized and real-time heart failure management, with the suggested goal of reducing heart failure hospitalizations.

FDA Approval

The CardioMEMS Heart Failure System (St. Jude Medical, Inc.) received FDA Premarket approval in May 2014, for use in monitoring heart rates and pulmonary arterial pressures in individuals with New York Heart Association (NYHA) Class III heart failure who have been hospitalized for heart failure within the previous 12 months.

Prior Authorization

Prior authorization is not applicable. Claims for this service are subject to retrospective review and denial of coverage, as investigative services are not eligible for reimbursement.
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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

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