

# Sleep Studies

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*This reimbursement policy applies to all health care services billed on a CMS-1500 form or its electronic equivalent, or when billed on a UB-04 form or its electronic equivalent.*

## Policy Overview

This policy addresses reimbursement requirements for sleep studies also known as polysomnography.

## Exceptions

N/A

## Reimbursement Guidelines

Polysomnography is a test used to diagnose sleep disorders. It records brain waves, the blood oxygen level, heart rate and breathing during sleep. It also measures eye and leg movements.

The following procedures will not be reimbursed when billed more than twice in a three-year period.

CPT code	Description
95808	Polysomnography: any age, sleep staging with 1-3 additional parameters of sleep, attended by a technologist

95810	Polysomnography: age 6 years or older, sleep staging with 4 or more additional parameters of sleep, attended by a technologist
95782	Polysomnography; younger than 6 years of age

Polysomnography (95782, 95783, 95808, 95810 or 95811) is not reimbursable when more than one unit is billed per day. It is also not reimbursable if one unit is billed on two consecutive days. A requisite diagnosis, such as hypersomnia, narcolepsy, chronic respiratory failure or sleep disturbances is required for reimbursement. An evaluation and management (E/M) code must be billed the same date of the service or within the previous 12 months for reimbursement.

Unattended sleep studies (home sleep studies), CPT codes 95800, 95801, 95806, G0398, G0399, or G0400 will not be reimbursed without a diagnosis of obstructive sleep apnea.

## Definitions

N/A

## Edit Sources

- I. Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) and associated publications and services.
- II. International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM).
- III. Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS).
- IV. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).
- V. The National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI).
- VI. <https://oig.hhs.gov/reports-and-publications/workplan/summary/wp-summary-0000123.asp>
- VII. Medicare Fee Schedule(s).

## Attachments

N/A

## Associated Policies

N/A

## Policy History

02/2025	Reimbursement Policy Committee Approval
04/2024	Revised preamble
08/2023	Removal of policy implemented by First Choice Next from Policy History section
01/2023	Template Revised <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revised preamble</li> <li>• Removal of Applicable Claim Types table</li> <li>• Coding section renamed to Reimbursement Guidelines</li> <li>• Added Associated Policies section</li> </ul>