Electrocardiograph Holter Monitoring

Title: Electrocardiograph Holter Monitoring  
Policy Status: Active  
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Description
Holter monitors are portable devices that capture 48 hours or more of continuous external electrocardiographic (ECG) recording and storage, and are used to detect atypical heart rhythms.

The services comprising Holter monitoring can be reported by using one Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) code for the global service, or they can be reported by using a combination of the professional and technical component codes for:

- recording of the ECG (which includes the hook-up and disconnection)
- scanning analysis with report
- physician review and interpretation

Policy
1. Non-hospital setting:
ECG Holter Monitoring is eligible for reimbursement when billed as a global service which encompasses both the technical and the professional components, or when a combination of the technical and the professional component services are reported. When a participating provider utilizes an outside non-par vendor for some or all of the technical components of this service, the participating provider is responsible for billing the global service (technical and professional components) and reimbursing the subcontracted vendor. This will avoid increased member financial liability due to your use of an out-of-network provider as well as member abrasion.

2. Hospital Setting:
Hospital-Based Physicians and private physicians are only eligible to be reimbursed for the professional component. The hospital may bill for the technical components.

Coding
Holter Monitoring
93224----external electrocardiographic recording up to 48 hours by continuous rhythm recording and storage; includes recording, scanning analysis with report, physician review and interpretation
93225----recording (includes connection, recording, and disconnection)
93226----scanning analysis with report
93227----physician review and interpretation
0295T---external electrocardiographic recording for more than 48 hours up to 21 days by continuous rhythm recording and storage; includes recording, scanning analysis with report, review and interpretation
0296T--- recording (includes connection and initial recording)
0297T--- scanning analysis with report
0298T--- review and interpretation

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