

Medical Necessity Guidelines: Experimental, Investigational or Unproven Services (Commercial & Medicare)



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IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT THIS MEDICAL POLICY:

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Overview:

ConnectiCare, Inc. defines the terms "investigational" or "experimental" as the use of a service, procedure or supply that is not recognized by the Plan as standard medical care for the condition, disease, illness or injury being treated. A service, procedure or supply includes, but is not limited to the diagnostic service, treatment, facility, equipment, drug or device.

Medical Necessity Guidelines:

A service is considered investigational (experimental) if any of the following criteria are met:

1. The services, procedures or supplies requiring Federal or other Governmental body approval, such as drugs and devices, do not have unrestricted market approval from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or final approval from any other governmental regulatory body for use in treatment of a specified condition. Any approval that is granted as an interim step in the regulatory process is not a substitute for final or unrestricted market approval.
2. There is insufficient or inconclusive medical and scientific evidence to permit the Plan to evaluate the therapeutic value of the service, procedure or supply. (Adequate evidence is defined as at least two documents of medical and scientific evidence that indicate that the proposed treatment is likely to be beneficial to the member.)

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3. There is inconclusive medical and scientific evidence in peer-reviewed medical literature that the service, procedure or supply has a beneficial effect on health outcomes.
4. The service, procedure or supply under consideration is not as beneficial as any established alternatives.
5. There is insufficient information or inconclusive scientific evidence that, when used in a non-investigational setting, the service, procedure or supply has a beneficial effect on health outcomes or is as beneficial as any established alternatives.

The American Medical Association (AMA) develops Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Category III codes to allow for data collection concerning the use of "emerging technology, services, and procedures." The creation of a CPT Category III code by the AMA "neither implies nor endorses clinical efficacy, safety or the applicability to clinical practice. Because of the specific purpose these Category III codes serve, ConnectiCare, Inc. will consider the item, service, or procedure represented by these codes to be not medically necessary.

Note: Once a Category III CPT code is replaced by a Category I CPT code, the item, service, or procedure should not be presumed to be medically necessary.

To determine whether a device, medical treatment, supply or procedure is proven safe and effective the following hierarchy of reliable evidence is used:

1. Published formal technology assessments and/or high-quality meta-analyses.
2. Well-designed randomized studies published in credible, peer-reviewed literature.
3. High quality case-control or cohort studies.
4. Historical control studies, or case reports and/or case series.
5. Reports of expert opinion from national professional medical societies or national medical policy organizations.

With respect to clinical studies, only those reports and articles containing scientifically valid data and published in the referred medical and scientific literature shall be considered reliable evidence. Specifically, not included in the meaning of reliable evidence are reports, articles, or statements by providers or groups of providers containing only abstracts, anecdotal evidence or personal professional opinions. Also, not included is the fact that a provider or a number of providers have elected to adopt a device, medical treatment, or procedure as their personal treatment or procedure of choice or standard of practice.

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The following CPT/HCPCS procedure codes are investigational and unproven and are therefore not covered.

Experimental & Noncovered Investigational by CPT Code (Commercial Plans)

19105	20983	22526	22527	28890	30468	30469	33274	33275	33289	33340	33542
33548	34717	34718	34839	34841	34842	34843	34844	34845	34846	34847	34848
37188	41512	41530	43206	43210	43252	43257	43284	43285	43290	43291	46707
53451	53452	53453	53454	53855	54240	58580	62287	64575	64628	64910	64911
66683	69705	69706	81204	81560	82777	83006	83987	84066	84112	84145	86152
86153	88120	88360	88375	91112	91113	91132	91133	92145	92227	92512	93050
93740	93895	95012	96002	96004	96931	96932	96933	96934	96935	96936	97026
97607	97608	97610	0003U	0008U	0009U	0010U	0014M	0015M	0016M	0018M	0019U
0020M	0029U	0030U	0031U	0032U	0033U	0035U	0039U	0045U	0047U	0053U	0055U
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A2009	A2010	A2011	A2012	A2013	A2014	A2015	A2016	A2017	A2018	A2019	A2020
A2021	A2022	A2023	A2024	A2025	A2026	A2027	A2028	A2029	A4337	A4341	A4342
A4541	A4542	A4543	A4544	A4545	A4563	A4575	A4593	A4594	A4596	A4638	A4639
A6000	A7049	A9272	A9292	C1833	C9771	C9781	C9790	C9791	C9792	C9809	E0218
E0221	E0231	E0232	E0236	E0490	E0491	E0492	E0493	E0530	E0711	E0715	E0716
E0721	E0732	E0733	E0734	E0735	E0736	E0737	E0738	E0739	E0743	E0761	E0762
E0767	E2120	E3000	E3200	G0555	K1007	K1009	K1020	K1028	K1029	K1030	K1035
K1036	L8605	L8608	Q1004	Q1005	Q4113	Q4114	Q4125	Q4139	Q4142	Q4143	Q4145
Q4149	Q4150	Q4155	Q4156	Q4162	Q4167	Q4171	Q4177	Q4178	Q4180	Q4181	Q4183
Q4184	Q4185	Q4188	Q4190	Q4191	Q4192	Q4193	Q4194	Q4198	Q4199	Q4200	Q4201
Q4202	Q4203	Q4204	Q4224	Q4225	Q4251	Q4252	Q4253	Q4256	Q4257	Q4258	Q4259
Q4260	Q4261	Q4262	Q4263	Q4264	Q4265	Q4266	Q4267	Q4268	Q4269	Q4270	Q4271

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Q4279	Q4285	Q4286	Q4289	Q4290	Q4291	Q4292	Q4293	Q4294	Q4295	Q4296	Q4297
Q4298	Q4299	Q4300	Q4301	Q4302	Q4303	Q4305	Q4306	Q4307	Q4308	Q4309	Q4310
Q4311	Q4312	Q4313	Q4314	Q4315	Q4316	Q4317	Q4318	Q4319	Q4320	Q4321	Q4322
Q4323	Q4324	Q4325	Q4326	Q4327	Q4328	Q4329	Q4330	Q4331	Q4332	Q4333	Q4334
Q4335	Q4336	Q4337	Q4338	Q4339	Q4340	Q4341	Q4342	Q4343	Q4344	Q4345	Q4346
Q4347	Q4348	Q4349	Q4350	Q4351	Q4352	Q4353	S0800	S1030	S1031	S2117	S2140
S2300	S2348	S3650	S3722	S3900	S8037	S8080	S8130	S8131	S8930	S9055	S9090

Note: 'No specific code available' indicates an "unlisted code" or "miscellaneous code."

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22526	22860	30468	53451	53452	53453	53454	75571	81173	81336	81560	88120	88360	91113
92145	97607	97608	0003U	0007M	0008U	0009U	0010U	0014M	0015M	0018M	0019U	0029U	0030U
0031U	0032U	0033U	0035U	0039U	0045U	0053U	0055U	0060U	0067U	0069U	0071T	0072T	0075T
0076T	0078U	0079U	0086U	0087U	0090U	0094U	0095T	0098T	0101T	0102T	0105U	0106T	0107T
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0234T	0235T	0236T	0237T	0238T	0243U	0247U	0248U	0249U	0251U	0252U	0253T	0253U	0254U
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0266T	0266U	0267T	0267U	0268T	0269T	0270T	0271T	0272T	0273T	0274T	0275T	0275U	0278T
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0774T	0775T	0776T	0777T	0778T	0779T	0781T	0782T	0783T	0791T	0793T	0794T	0795T	0796T
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A4542	A4543	A4544	A4545	A4575	A4593	A4594	A4596	A4638	A4639	A6000	A9272	A9292	C9771
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E0732	E0733	E0734	E0735	E0736	E0737	E0738	E0739	E0743	E0762	E0767	E2120	E3000	E3200
G0252	G0255	G0282	G0295	G0341	G0342	G0343	G0428	G0555	G9147	K1006	K1007	K1009	K1016
K1017	K1020	K1028	K1029	K1030	L8605	L8608	M0076	Q0515	Q1004	Q1005	Q4113	Q4114	Q4125
Q4139	Q4142	Q4143	Q4145	Q4148	Q4149	Q4150	Q4155	Q4156	Q4162	Q4167	Q4171	Q4176	Q4177
Q4178	Q4179	Q4180	Q4181	Q4183	Q4184	Q4185	Q4188	Q4190	Q4191	Q4192	Q4193	Q4194	Q4198
Q4199	Q4200	Q4201	Q4202	Q4203	Q4204	Q4224	Q4225	Q4251	Q4252	Q4253	Q4256	Q4257	Q4258
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Q4342	Q4343	Q4344	Q4345	Q4346	Q4347	Q4348	Q4349	Q4350	Q4351	Q4352	Q4353	S0800	S1030
S1031	S2117	S2140	S2300	S2348	S3650	S3722	S3800	S3852	S3900	S8030	S8037	S8080	S8092
S8130	S8131	S8930	S8948	S9090	S9558								

Revision history

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3/14/2025	Added effective 1/01/2025: Commercial: 0446U, 0447U, A4545, E0737, Q4310 Medicare: 0446U, 0447U, A4545, E0737, Q4310 Removed effective 1/01/2025: Commercial: 0493U, 93702 Medicare: 0340U, 0493U, 81241, 81243
2/05/2025	Added New Codes effective 1/01/2025: Commercial: 66683, 0521U, 0522U, 0524U, 0525U, 0526U, 0527U, 0528U, 0901T, 0902T, 0903T, 0904T, 0905T, 0906T, 0907T, 0908T, 0909T, 0910T, 0911T, 0912T, 0913T, 0914T, 0915T, 0916T, 0917T, 0918T, 0919T, 0920T, 0921T, 0922T, 0923T, 0924T, 0925T, 0926T, 0927T, 0928T, 0929T, 0930T, 0931T, 0932T, 0933T, 0934T, 0935T, 0936T, 0937T, 0938T, 0939T, 0940T, 0941T, 0942T, 0943T, 0944T, 0945T, 0946T, 0947T, C9809, G0555, Q4346, Q4347, Q4348, Q4349, Q4350, Q4351, Q4352 and Q4353 Medicare: 0521U, 0522U, 0524U, 0525U, 0526U, 0527U, 0528U, 0901T, 0902T, 0903T, 0904T, 0905T, 0906T, 0907T, 0908T, 0909T, 0910T, 0911T, 0912T, 0913T, 0914T, 0915T, 0916T, 0917T, 0918T, 0919T, 0920T, 0921T, 0922T, 0923T, 0924T, 0925T, 0926T, 0927T, 0928T, 0929T, 0930T, 0931T, 0932T, 0933T, 0934T, 0935T, 0936T, 0937T, 0938T, 0939T, 0940T, 0941T, 0942T, 0943T, 0944T, 0945T, 0946T, 0947T, G0555, Q4346, Q4347, Q4348, Q4349, Q4350, Q4351, Q4352 and Q4353 Removed Deleted Codes effective 1/01/2025: Commercial: 0398T Medicare: 0553T, 0564T, 0567T, and 0568T
2/05/2025	Added: Commercial and Medicare: 0479U, 0480U, 0482U, 0483U, 0484U, 0486U, 0490U, 0491U, 0492U, 0493U, 0495U, 0496U, 0497U, 0498U, 0500U, 0501U, 0502U, 0503U, 0504U, 0505U, 0506U, 0507U, 0508U, 0509U, 0510U, 0511U, 0512U, 0513U, 0514U, 0515U, 0517U, 0518U, 0519U, 0520U, A4543, E0715, E0716, E0721, E0767, E3200, Q4334, Q4335, Q4336, Q4337, Q4338, Q4339, Q4340, Q4341, Q4342, Q4343, Q4344 and Q4345

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9/27/2024	<u>Codes Added and Removed:</u> • <u>Commercial:</u> ◦ Added: 0587T, 0588T, 0589T, 0590T, A2027, A2028, A2029, A4544, E0743 ◦ Removed: 89398 • <u>Medicare:</u> ◦ Added: 0108U, A2027, A2028, A2029, A4544, E0743
7/13/2024	<u>Codes Added and Removed:</u> • <u>Commercial:</u> ◦ Added: 89398, 0020M, 0450U, 0451U, 0452U, 0453U, 0454U, 0455U, 0456U, 0457U, 0458U, 0459U, 0462U, 0463U, 0465U, 0466U, 0467U 0469U, 0470U, 0471U, 0472U, 0867T, 0868T, 0869T, 0870T, 0871T, 0872T, 0873T, 0874T, 0875T, 0876T, 0877T, 0878T, 0879T, 0880T, 0881T, 0882T, 0883T, 0884T, 0885T, 0886T, 0887T, 0888T, 0889T, 0890T, 0891T, 0892T, 0893T, 0894T, 0895T, 0896T, 0897T, 0898T, 0899T, 0900T, Q4311, Q4312, Q4313, Q4314, Q4315, Q4316, Q4317, Q4318, Q4319, Q4320, Q4321, Q4322, Q4323, Q4324, Q4325, Q4326, Q4327, Q4328, Q4329, Q4330, Q4331, Q4332, Q4333 ◦ Removed: 0204U, 0353U, 0354U, K1016, K1017, K1018, K1019 • <u>Medicare:</u> ◦ Added: 89398, 0020M, 0450U, 0451U, 0452U, 0453U, 0454U, 0455U, 0456U, 0457U, 0458U, 0459U, 0462U, 0463U, 0465U, 0466U, 0467U 0469U, 0470U, 0471U, 0472U, 0867T, 0868T, 0869T, 0870T, 0871T, 0872T, 0873T, 0874T, 0875T, 0876T, 0877T, 0878T, 0879T, 0880T, 0881T, 0882T, 0883T, 0884T, 0885T, 0886T, 0887T, 0888T, 0889T, 0890T, 0891T, 0892T, 0893T, 0894T, 0895T, 0896T, 0897T, 0898T, 0899T, 0900T, Q4311, Q4312, Q4313, Q4314, Q4315, Q4316, Q4317, Q4318, Q4319, Q4320, Q4321, Q4322, Q4323, Q4324, Q4325, Q4326, Q4327, Q4328, Q4329, Q4330, Q4331, Q4332, Q4333 ◦ Removed: 0204U, 0353U, 0354U, K1016, K1017, 0554T
5/24/2024	<u>Codes Added and Removed:</u> • <u>Commercial:</u> ◦ Added: 0441U, 0442U, 0443U, 0445U, A2026, A4593, A4594, E0736, E0738, E0739, Q4305, Q4306, Q4307, Q438, Q4309, Q4310 ◦ Removed: 64625, 0352U • <u>Medicare:</u> ◦ Added: 0441U, 0442U, 0443U, 0445U, A2026, A4593, A4594, E0736, E0738, E0739, Q4305, Q4306, Q4307, Q438, Q4309, Q4310 ◦ Removed: 64625, 81284, 81285, 81286, 81455

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1/24/2024	<u>Codes Added and Removed:</u> • <u>Commercial:</u> ◦ Added: 0583T, 0814T, 0815T, 0816T, 0817T, 0818T, 0819T, 0826T, 0827T, 0828T, 0829T, 0830T, 0831T, 0832T, 0833T, 0834T, 0835T, 0836T, 0837T, 0838T, 0839T, 0840T, 0841T, 0842T, 0843T, 0844T, 0845T, 0846T, 0847T, 0848T, 0849T, 0850T, 0851T, 0852T, 0853T, 0854T, 0855T, 0856T, 0858T, 0856T, 0858T, 0859T, 0860T, 0864T, 0014U, 0353U, 0354U A4541, A4542, E0492, E0493, E0530, E0732, E0733, E0734, E0735, E3000, Q4279, Q4289, Q4290, Q4291, Q4292, Q4293, Q4294, Q4295, Q4296, Q4297, Q4298, Q4299, Q4300, Q4301, Q4302, Q4303, 58580, 88120 ◦ Removed: 20560, 20561, 76120, 76125 • <u>Medicare:</u> ◦ Added: 0518T, 0519T, 0814T, 0815T, 0816T, 0817T, 0818T, 0819T, 0826T, 0827T, 0828T, 0829T, 0830T, 0831T, 0832T, 0833T, 0834T, 0835T, 0836T, 0837T, 0838T, 0839T, 0840T, 0841T, 0842T, 0843T, 0844T, 0845T, 0846T, 0847T, 0848T, 0849T, 0850T, 0851T, 0852T, 0853T, 0854T, 0855T, 0856T, 0858T, 0856T, 0858T, 0859T, 0860T, 0864T, 0014U, 0353U, 0354U A4541, A4542, E0492, E0493, E0530, E0732, E0733, E0734, E0735, E3000, Q4279, Q4289, Q4290, Q4291, Q4292, Q4293, Q4294, Q4295, Q4296, Q4297, Q4298, Q4299, Q4300, Q4301, Q4302, Q4303, 88120
10/30/2023	<u>Codes Added and Removed:</u> • <u>Commercial:</u> ◦ Added: K1018, K1019, S8037 • <u>Medicare:</u> ◦ Added: K1018, K1019 ◦ Removed: S0800, S1030, S1031, S2117, S2140, S2300, S2348, S3650, S3722, S3800, S3852, S3900, S8030, S8037, S8080, S8092, S8130, S8131, S8930, S8948, S9090, S9558, 81331, 81361, 81362, 81363, 81364, 81443
10/1/2023	<u>Codes Added and Removed:</u> • <u>Commercial:</u> ◦ Added new codes effective 10/01/2023: 0406U, A2022, A2023, A2024, A2025, A9292, C9790, C9791, C9792, E0490, E0491, K1036, Q4285, Q4286 ◦ Added other: 97607, 97608, 0346U, 0352U, 0351U, 0342U, 0344U, 0337U, 0338U, A9272 ◦ Removed: G0252, G0255, G0281, G0295, G0329, G0341, G0342, G0343, G0428, G0460, G9143, G9147 • <u>Medicare:</u> ◦ Added new codes effective 10/01/2023: 0406U, A2022, A2023, A2024, A2025, A9292, C9790, A9792, Q4285, Q4286 ◦ Added other: 97607, 97608

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7/18/2023	<u>Codes Added and Removed:</u> • <u>Commercial:</u> ◦ Added new codes effective 4/01/2023: 0387U, 0393U, 0394U, 0399U, 0791T, 0793T, 0794T, 0795T, 0796T, 0797T, 0798T, 0799T, 0800T, 0801T, 0802T, 0803T, 0804T, 0805T, 0806T, 0807T, 0808T, 0809T, 0810T ◦ Added other: 0614T, 43290, 43291, 0508T • <u>Medicare:</u> ◦ Added new codes effective 7/01/2023: 0387U, 0393U, 0394U, 0399U, 0791T, 0793T, 0794T, 0795T, 0796T, 0797T, 0798T, 0799T, 0800T, 0801T, 0802T, 0803T, 0804T, 0805T, 0806T, 0807T, 0808T, 0809T, 0810T ◦ Removed: 0163T
5/31/2023	<u>Codes Removed:</u> • <u>Commercial:</u> ◦ Removed: 36473, 36474, 37500, 37799, 95803
04/28/2023	<u>Codes Added</u> • <u>Commercial:</u> 0596T, 0597T, A2001, A2002, A2004, A2005, A2006, A2007, A2008, A2009, A2010 • <u>Medicare:</u> 0596T, 0597T, A2001, A2002, A2004, A2005, A2006, A2007, A2008, A2009, A2010
03/31/2023	<u>Codes Added and Removed:</u> • <u>Commercial:</u> ◦ Added new codes effective 4/01/2023: 0365U, 0366U, 0367U, 0370U, 0371U, 0372U, 0373U, 0374U, 0375U, 0376U, 0377U, 0378U, 0381U, 0382U, 0383U, 0384U, 0385U, A2014, A2015, A2016, A2017, A2018, A2019, A2020, A2021, A7049, E0711, G0281, G0329, K1035, Q4265, Q4266, Q4267, Q4268, Q4269, Q4270, Q4271 ◦ Removed: 0105U, K1006, Q4158, Q4176, Q4179, Q4228 • <u>Medicare:</u> ◦ Added new codes effective 4/01/2023: 0365U, 0366U, 0367U, 0370U, 0371U, 0372U, 0373U, 0374U, 0375U, 0376U, 0377U, 0378U, 0381U, 0382U, 0383U, 0384U, 0385U, A2014, A2015, A2016, A2017, A2018, A2019, A2020, A2021, A4560, A7049, E0711, K1035, Q4265, Q4266, Q4267, Q4268, Q4269, Q4270, Q4271 ◦ Removed: 0105U, K1006, Q4158, Q4176, Q4179, Q4228
3/21/2023	• Added and Removed CPT codes: ◦ <u>Commercial:</u> Added 0721T effective 7/14/2023 ◦ <u>Commercial & Medicare:</u> Removed 0089U, Q4130, Q4189 effective 4/01/2023

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12/29/2022	<u>Codes added that will be effective 1/1/2023:</u> - Commercial and Medicare: 0357U, 0358U, 0359U, 0360U, 0361U, 0738T, 0739T, 0740T, 0741T, 0745T, 0746T, 0747T, 0748T, 0749T, 0750T, 0751T, 0752T, 0753T, 0754T, 0755T, 0756T, 0757T, 0758T, 0759T, 0760T, 0761T, 0762T, 0763T, 0764T, 0765T, 0766T, 0767T, 0768T, 0769T, 0770T, 0771T, 0772T, 0773T, 0774T, 0775T, 0776T, 0777T, 0778T, 0779T, 0781T, 0782T, 0783T - Commercial: 0744T, 30469 - Medicare: 22860, 0743T <u>Code Removed:</u> - Commercial: 0500T – Covered for preventive services
10/20/2022	- Added and Removed CPT codes effective 10/1/2022: <u>Commercial and Medicare:</u> Removed 0012U, 0013U, 0014U, and 0056U. Added new codes A4596, 0354U, and 0353U.
9/9/2022	- Added new CPT codes effective 7/01/2022: <u>Commercial and Medicare:</u> 0716T, 0731T, 0733T, and 0734T
9/9/2022	- Updated policy to include codes: <u>Commercial:</u> 0003U, 0008U, 0009U, 0010U, 0013U, 0014U, 0019U, 0029U, 0030U, 0031U, 0032U, 0033U, 0045U, 0047U, 0053U, 0055U, 0056U, 0060U, 0067U, 0069U, 0078U, 0079U, 0086U, 0087U, 0089U, 0090U, 0094U, 0109U, 0112U, 0113U, 0114U, 0118U, 0120U, 0152U, 0153U, 0156U, 0169U, 0170U, 0175U, 0228U, 0229U, 0252U, 0253U, 0254U, 0260U, 0262U, 0264U, 0265U, 0266U, 0267U, 0285U, 0286U, 0288U, 0289U, 0290U, 0291U, 0292U, 0293U, 0294U, 0296U, 0297U, 0298U, 0299U, 0300U, 0306U, 0307U, 0313U, 0314U, 0315U, 0317U, 0318U, 0319U, 0320U, 0323U, 0329U, 0330U, 0331U <u>Medicare:</u> 0003U, 0008U, 0009U, 0010U, 0013U, 0014U, 0019U, 0029U, 0030U, 0031U, 0032U, 0033U, 0045U, 0047U, 0053U, 0055U, 0056U, 0060U, 0067U, 0069U, 0078U, 0079U, 0086U, 0087U, 0089U, 0090U, 0094U, 0109U, 0112U, 0113U, 0114U, 0118U, 0120U, 0152U, 0153U, 0156U, 0169U, 0170U, 0175U, 0203U, 0204U, 0205U, 0209U, 0212U, 0213U, 0214U, 0215U, 0220U, 0228U, 0229U, 0252U, 0253U, 0254U, 0258U, 0260U, 0262U, 0264U, 0265U, 0266U, 0267U, 0285U, 0286U, 0288U, 0289U, 0290U, 0291U, 0292U, 0293U, 0294U, 0296U, 0297U, 0298U, 0299U, 0300U, 0306U, 0307U, 0313U, 0314U, 0315U, 0317U, 0318U, 0319U, 0320U, 0323U, 0329U, 0330U, 0331U
6/21/2022	- Added new CPT codes effective 7/01/2022: <u>Commercial and Medicare:</u> 0714T, 0715T, 0717T, 0718T, 0719T, 0720T, 0725T, 0726T, 0727T, 0728T, 0729T, 0730T, 0736T, 0737T Q4259, Q4260, and Q4261

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6/1/2022	- Removed CPT codes: <u>Commercial and Medicare</u>: 0208U <u>Medicare</u>: 69705 and 69706
5/5/2022	- Updated policy to include codes: <u>Commercial and Medicare</u>: 0600T and 0601T
3/28/2022	- Added new CPT Codes effective 4/01/2022: <u>Commercial</u>: A2011, A2012, A2013, C9781, K1028, K1029, K1030, Q4224, Q4225, Q4256, Q4257, Q4258, 0308U, 0309U, 0310U, 0311U, 0312U, 0316U, 0321U and 0322U <u>Medicare</u>: A2011, A2012, A2013, C9781, K1028, K1029, K1030, Q4224, Q4225, Q4256, Q4257, Q4258, 0308U, 0309U, 0310U, 0311U, 0312U, 0316U, 0321U and 0322U
1/11/2022	- Removed Codes from policy <u>Commercial</u>: 0054T, 0055T and 20985 <u>Medicare</u>: 0054T and 0055T
12/21/2021	- Added new CPT Codes effective 1/01/2022: <u>Medicare</u>: 0672T, 0673T, 0674T, 0675T, 0676T, 0677T, 0678T, 0679T, 0680T, 0681T, 0682T, 0683T, 0684T, 0685T, 0686T, 0687T, 0688T, 0689T, 0690T, 0691T, 0692T, 0693T, 0694T, 0695T, 0696T, 0697T, 0698T, 0700T, 0701T, 0702T, 0703T, 0704T, 0705T, 0706T, 0707T, 0708T, 0709T, 0710T, 0711T, 0712T, 0713T, 53451, 53452, 53453, 53454, 81560, 91113, Q4199, 0295U, 0303U, 0304U & 0305U <u>Commercial</u>: 0672T, 0673T, 0674T, 0675T, 0676T, 0677T, 0678T, 0679T, 0680T, 0681T, 0682T, 0683T, 0684T, 0685T, 0686T, 0687T, 0688T, 0689T, 0690T, 0691T, 0692T, 0693T, 0694T, 0695T, 0696T, 0697T, 0698T, 0700T, 0701T, 0702T, 0703T, 0704T, 0705T, 0706T, 0707T, 0708T, 0709T, 0710T, 0711T, 0712T, 0713T, 53451, 53452, 53453, 53454, 81560, 91113, C1833, Q4199, 0295U, 0303U, 0304U & 0305U <i>Removed Deleted Codes Effective 1/01/2022</i>: 0355T, 0356T, 0376T, 0423T, 0451T, 0452T, 0453T, 0454T, 0455T, 0456T, 0457T, 0458T, 0459T, 0460T, 0461T, 0462T, 0463T, 0466T, 0467T, 0468T, 0548T, 0549T, 0550T & 0551T
10/22/2021	Removed 0505T from both Commercial and Medicare effective 8/7/2021
9/29/2021	Added new CPT Codes effective 10/01/2021: <u>Medicare</u>: 0018M, 0255U, 0256U, 0257U, 0259U, 0261U, 0263U, 0275U, 0279U, 0280U, 0281U, 0283U, 0284U, Q4251, Q4252 & Q4253 <u>Commercial</u>: 0018M, 0255U, 0256U, 0257U, 0258U, 0259U, 0261U, 0263U, 0275U, 0279U, 0280U, 0281U, 0283U, 0284U, Q4251, Q4252 & Q4253
6/25/2021	Added new CPT Codes effective 7/01/2021: 0248U, 0249U, 0251U, 0640T, 0641T, 0642T, 0643T, 0644T, 0645T, 0646T, 0647T, 0648T, 0649T, 0651T, 0655T, 0656T, 0657T, 0658T, 0659T, 0664T, 0665T, 0666T, 0667T, 0668T, 0669T, 0670T, 0660T, 0661T for both Commercial & Medicare

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3/24/2021	- Added new CPT Codes effective 4/1/2021; 0243U, 0247U, K1016, K1017 & K1020 for both Commercial & Medicare - Removed deleted CPT Codes effective 4/01/2021; K1010, K1011 & K1012 from Commercial Effective 5/1/2021: - Removed 0421T from Commercial and Medicare LOB - Removed 0042T from Medicare LOB
03/02/2021	Removed CPT codes 37187, 37188 for Commercial LOB
12/31/2020	- Added new CPT Codes effective 1/01/2021: 0621T, 0622T, 0623T, 0624T, 0625T, 0626T, 0627T, 0628T, 0629T, 0630T, 0631T, 0632T, 0633T, 0634T, 0635T, 0636T, 0637T, 0638T, 0639T, 30468, 69705, 69706 & C9771 for both Commercial & Medicare - Removed Deleted Codes: 0058T, 0085T, 0111T, 0126T, 0228T, 0229T, 0230T, 0231T, 0381T, 0382T, 0383T, 0384T, 0385T, 0386T, 0396T, 0400T, 0401T, 0405T
10/2020	- Added new CPT Codes effective 10/1/2020: 0014M, 0015M, 0206U, 0207U, 0210U, K1006, K1007 & K1009 for both Commercial & Medicare. - Added new CPT Codes effective 10/1/2020: K1010, K1011 & K1012 Commercial <i>only</i>
07/2020	Removed CPT codes 0345T, 0483T, 0484T, 0543T & 0544T-Commercial only
02/2020	Added CPT codes 64625, 20560 & 20561 for both commercial & Medicare
11/2019	Title changed from Medical Necessity Guidelines for noncovered investigational services to Medical Necessity Guidelines: Experimental, Investigational or Unproven Services to coincide with definitional enhancements.
04/2019	New Policy. Effective date 1/1/2020