

## CHAMPVA POLICY MANUAL

**CHAPTER:** 2  
**SECTION:** 20.6  
**TITLE:** 24-HOUR AMBULATORY ELECTROENCEPHALOGRAPHIC (EEG)  
MONITORING

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**AUTHORITY:** 38 USC 1713; 38 CFR 17.270(a) and 17.272(a)

**RELATED AUTHORITY:** 32 CFR 199.4 (a)(1), (b)(2)(vii), (b)(3)(v), and (c)(2)(iv)

**TRICARE POLICY MANUAL:** Chapter 1, Section 22.5

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### I. EFFECTIVE DATE

December 22, 1982

### II. PROCEDURE CODE(S)

95950

### III. DESCRIPTION

24-hour ambulatory EEG monitoring is a portable, noninvasive diagnostic technique used to continuously record brain wave patterns during the 24 hours of a patient's routine daily activities and sleep. The monitoring equipment consists of an electrode set, preamplifiers, and a cassette recorder. The electrodes attach to the scalp, and their leads are connected to a recorder, usually worn on a belt.

### IV. POLICY

24-hour ambulatory EEG monitoring may be considered for CHAMPVA cost sharing when determined to be medically necessary in the evaluation of poorly defined neurologic disorders such as, syncopal episodes of obscure origin, or significantly altered states of consciousness.

### V. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

A. 24-hour ambulatory EEG should always be preceded by a resting EEG.

B. Claims involving 24-hour ambulatory EEG monitoring for a period in excess of 24-hours (95952) may be considered for cost sharing when determined by review to be medically necessary.

**\*END OF POLICY\***