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# USA Reimbursement for Pelvic Floor Rehabilitation

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# Reimbursement for Pelvic Floor Rehabilitation

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# Learning Objectives



Documentation for the pelvic floor rehab (PFR) patient journey ranging including biofeedback, e-stimulation and PF re-education



Review of Medicare codes that will be available as hand-outs



Insights from Expert Presenter covering items such as NCDs, LCDs, bundling rules, descriptions and prior authorizations



Q&A

# Scenario

- 55 yr old female with loss of urine when cough, sneeze, laugh or strain
- Began after 4th delivery and has become progressively worse
- Abdomen no abnormalities, Pelvic exam mild Prolapse, no rectocele or cystocele, muscle tone average, sensation normal.
- UA today is normal
- PVR via Ultrasound no residual
- Plan: UDS, Cysto would like to avoid Rx and consider PFMT or biofeedback. Will develop plan based on test results.

## Incontinence - Stress Level 4

### Problem (PP)

Level 4

Chronic w/  
exacerbation

### Data (D)

Level 3

-UA  
Reviewed  
-Ultrasound  
results  
reviewed

### Risk (R)

Level 4

Major surgery  
w/o risk

### Documentation Guidance

PP - severity and progression of disease

D - relevant data reviewed, values and related  
decision; data ordered

R - procedures planned and risk involved

↓ Level 3

R - No surgery  
discussed or planned

Level 5 ↑

None



# Urodynamics Testing

## Report Only 1

- 51727 Complex cystometrogram (ie, calibrated electronic equipment); with urethral pressure profile studies (ie, urethral closure pressure profile), any technique
- 51728 Complex cystometrogram (ie, calibrated electronic equipment) with voiding pressure studies (ie, bladder voiding pressure), any technique
- 51729 Complex cystometrogram (ie, calibrated electronic equipment); with voiding pressure studies (ie, bladder voiding pressure) and urethral pressure profile studies (ie, urethral closure pressure profile), any technique

# Urodynamics Testing w/ Video

- 51741 Complex uroflowmetry (eg., calibrated electronic equipment)
  - Increasingly bundled with other tests
  - Medically Necessity documented, pre UDS
- 51784 Electromyography studies (EMG) of anal or ureteral sphincter, other than needle, any technique
  - Limited frequency per lifetime.
- 51797 Voiding pressure studies, intra-abdominal (ie., rectal, gastric, intraperitoneal) (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
- 51798 Measurement of post-voiding residual urine and or bladder capacity by ultrasound, non imaging
  - May be bundled or denied due to medical necessity

# Urodynamics Testing

- 74455 Urethrocystography, voiding, radiological supervision and interpretation
- 51600 Injection procedure for cystography or voiding urethrocystography

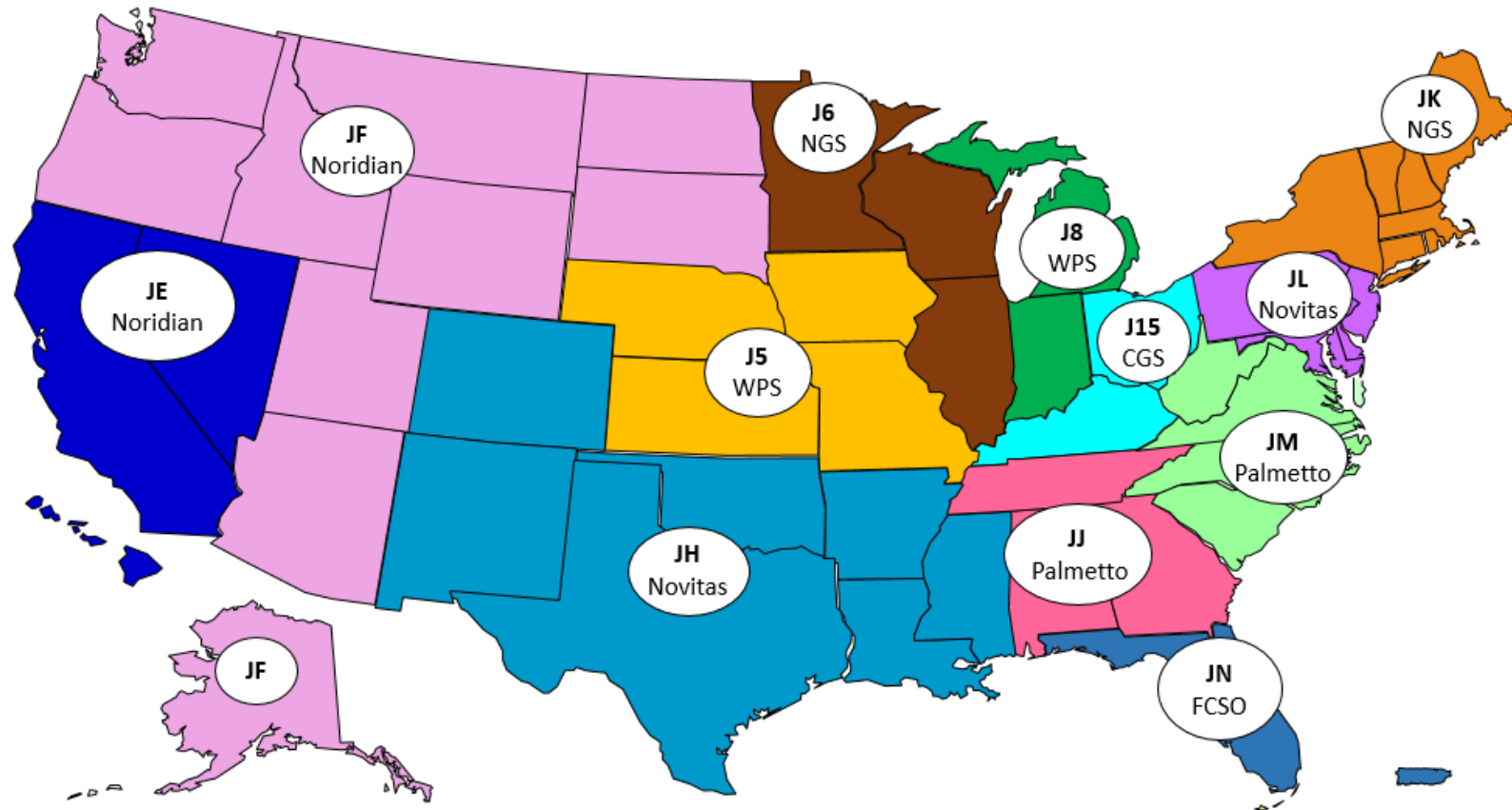
# Other Diagnostic Tests

- 91122 Anorectal manometry
  - Medical necessity documentation is key
  - Limited allowed frequency by Medicare and others

# LCDS, NCDs, LCAs etc.

- Local Coverage Article (LCA)
  - Coding instructions included in these articles
  - Most LCDs will have an associated LCA
  - LCA can be issued without an LCD
  - Does not require comment period
  - Can be issued for an NCD without supporting LCD

# A/B MAC Jurisdictions as of June 2021



# LCDS, NCDs, LCAs etc.

- National Coverage Decision (NCD)
  - Issued by CMS applies to all Medicare Administrative Contractors (MAC) Noridian, WPS, NGS, CGS, Novitas, Palmetto, First Coast
- Local Coverage Decision (LCD)
  - Applies to states listed
  - Can be adopted by other carriers
  - Cannot be more restrictive than NCD
  - Cannot conflict with Carrier Manual
  - Must be issued as draft with comment period
  - Comments must be answered
  - Panels of physicians for each state are consulted

# NCD - Non-Implantable Pelvic Floor Electrical Stimulator (230.8)

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## Tracking Information

**Publication Number**

100-3

**Manual Section Number**

230.8

**Manual Section Title**

Non-Implantable PELVIC FLOOR Electrical Stimulator

**Version Number**

2

**Effective Date of this Version**

06/19/2006

**Implementation Date**

06/19/2006

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# Description Information

## Benefit Category

Durable Medical Equipment

**Please Note:** This may not be an exhaustive list of all applicable Medicare benefit categories for this item or service.

## Item/Service Description

### **CIM 60-24**

Non-implantable PELVIC FLOOR electrical stimulators provide neuromuscular electrical stimulation through the PELVIC FLOOR with the intent of strengthening and exercising PELVIC FLOOR musculature. Stimulation is generally delivered by vaginal or anal probes connected to an external pulse generator.

The methods of PELVIC FLOOR electrical stimulation vary in location, stimulus frequency (Hz), stimulus intensity or amplitude (mA), pulse duration (duty cycle), treatments per day, number of treatment days per week, length of time for each treatment session, overall time period for device use and between clinic and home settings. In general, the stimulus frequency and other parameters are chosen based on the patient's clinical diagnosis.

## Indications and Limitations of Coverage

PELVIC FLOOR electrical stimulation with a non-implantable stimulator is covered for the treatment of stress and/or

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urge urinary incontinence in cognitively intact patients who have failed a documented trial of pelvic muscle exercise (PME) training.

A failed trial of PME training is defined as no clinically significant improvement in urinary continence after completing 4 weeks of an ordered plan of pelvic muscle exercises designed to increase periurethral muscle strength.

## Article - Billing and Coding: Pelvic Floor Dysfunction: Anorectal Manometry and EMG (A57595)

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### Contractor Information

CONTRACTOR NAME	CONTRACT TYPE	CONTRACT NUMBER	JURISDICTION	STATES
<a href="#">Wisconsin Physicians Service Insurance Corporation</a>	MAC - Part A	05101 - MAC A	J - 05	Iowa
<a href="#">Wisconsin Physicians Service Insurance Corporation</a>	MAC - Part B	05102 - MAC B	J - 05	Iowa
<a href="#">Wisconsin Physicians Service Insurance Corporation</a>	MAC - Part A	05201 - MAC A	J - 05	Kansas
<a href="#">Wisconsin Physicians Service Insurance Corporation</a>	MAC - Part B	05202 - MAC B	J - 05	Kansas
<a href="#">Wisconsin Physicians Service Insurance Corporation</a>	MAC - Part A	05301 - MAC A	J - 05	Missouri - Entire State
<a href="#">Wisconsin Physicians Service Insurance Corporation</a>	MAC - Part B	05302 - MAC B	J - 05	Missouri - Entire State

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# Article Guidance

## Article Text

The billing and coding information in this article is dependent on the coverage indications, limitations and/or medical necessity described in the related LCD.

A complete history and physical containing the following minimum requirements must be in the medical record: complete history to include the following areas- duration and characteristics of the urinary or fecal incontinence, frequency, timing and amount of continent voids and incontinent episodes, precipitants of incontinence, other urinary symptoms, bowel habits, daily fluid intake, alteration in sexual function due to urinary or fecal incontinence, amount and type of perineal pads or protective devices, previous treatments for urinary or fecal incontinence and the effects of that treatment on the incontinence; neurological exam; physical exam of the patient that is usually guided by the history and reason for being seen. This could include a pelvic exam in women to assess for skin condition, genital atrophy, pelvic organ prolapse, pelvic masses, paravaginal muscle tone and any other abnormalities; abdominal exam, genital exam in men, rectal exam to assess perineal sensation, resting and active sphincter tone, fecal impaction, presence of masses and in men, the consistency and contour of the prostate; past surgeries and pregnancy history in females.

## Utilization Guidelines

Anorectal Manometry and PELVIC FLOOR Electromyography are diagnostic tests and should **not** be performed on a routine basis. Medicare would **not** expect to see an Anorectal Manometry billed when the physician is trying to evaluate urinary incontinence. Medicare would **not** expect these tests to be billed more than **twice** in a lifetime.

The CPT Codes for Anorectal Manometry and PELVIC FLOOR Electromyography are diagnostic. They are not a medically necessary part of physical therapy, rehabilitation, biofeedback, or exercise program treatment plans.

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# ICD-10-CM Codes that Support Medical Necessity

## Group 1 Paragraph:

For use with CPT codes 51784 and 51785

N30.10	Interstitial cystitis (chronic) without hematuria
N30.11	Interstitial cystitis (chronic) with hematuria
N31.0	Uninhibited neuropathic bladder, not elsewhere classified
N31.1	Reflex neuropathic bladder, not elsewhere classified
N31.2	Flaccid neuropathic bladder, not elsewhere classified
<b>CODE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
N31.8	Other neuromuscular dysfunction of bladder
N36.42	Intrinsic sphincter deficiency (ISD)
N36.43	Combined hypermobility of urethra and intrinsic sphincter deficiency
N36.44	Muscular disorders of urethra
N36.8	Other specified disorders of urethra
N39.3	Stress incontinence (female) (male)
N39.41	Urge incontinence

N39.42	Incontinence without sensory awareness
N39.43	Post-void dribbling
N39.44	Nocturnal enuresis
N39.45	Continuous leakage
N39.46	Mixed incontinence
N39.490	Overflow incontinence
N39.491	Coital incontinence
N39.492	Postural (urinary) incontinence
N39.498	Other specified urinary incontinence

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# BIOFEEDBACK

- Primary Codes
  - 90912 Biofeedback training, perineal muscles, anorectal or urethral sphincter, including EMG and/or manometry, when performed; initial 15 minutes of one-on-one physician or other qualified health care professional contact with the patient
  - 90913 Biofeedback training, perineal muscles, anorectal or urethral sphincter, including EMG and/or manometry, when performed; each additional 15 minutes of one-on-one physician or other qualified health care professional contact with the patient (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
- Requirements for Qualifying patient must be met ie. failed 4 weeks of PME, number of sessions may be limited

- When BIOFEEDBACK training is provided, the most appropriate BIOFEEDBACK code (90901 or 90912 or 90913) should be billed. Similarly, separate billing for concurrently applied modalities and/or procedures during BIOFEEDBACK training is not appropriate. For example, a therapist may provide a combination of neuromuscular electrical stimulation (NMES), BIOFEEDBACK, and therapeutic exercises during the same 15 minutes to treat a patient with urinary incontinence. In these instances, the therapeutic exercises and the NMES are considered to be a component of the BIOFEEDBACK training and should not be billed separately. Providers should only bill the appropriate BIOFEEDBACK training code for these combined services.

# Modality Coding with Biofeedback

- 97032 Application of a modality to 1 or more areas; electrical stimulation (manual), each 15 minutes
- 97750 Physical performance test or measurement (e.g., musculoskeletal, functional capacity), with written report, each 15 minutes

Must be provided separate from Biofeedback to reported.

# Related Coding Considerations



# Modifier -25

- “Significant, separately identifiable E/M service by the same physician on the day of the procedure.”
  1. “Significant”
  2. “Separately Identifiable”
- Different diagnoses not required for reporting of the E/M services on the same date
- \*Same physician - same specialty and billing #

# Incident To

Under Direct Supervision “Medicare pays for services and supplies (including drug and biologicals which are not usually self-administered) that are furnished incident to a physician’s or other practitioner’s services, are commonly included in the physician’s or practitioner’s bills, and for which payment is not made under a separate benefit category...”

# Incident To

“Direct supervision in the office setting does not mean that the physician must be present in the same room with his or her aide. However, the physician must be present in the office suite and immediately available to provide assistance and direction throughout the time the aide is performing services.”

# Q and A

Type your questions in the question box

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