

# ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY STATEMENT

## Michigan Marketplace

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Emergency Department Electrocardiogram (EKG/ECG) Interpretation and Imaging Interpretation-MI MP-AD-1445	01/01/2025
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<b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>	

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According to the rules of Mental Health Parity Addiction Equity Act (MHPAEA), coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of a behavioral health disorder will not be subject to any limitations that are less favorable than the limitations that apply to medical conditions as covered under this policy.

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A. Subject

**Electrocardiogram (EKG/ECG) Interpretation and Imaging Interpretation**

B. Background

An electrocardiogram (EKG/ECG) is a non-invasive test that records the electrical activity of the heart. It may be used when a possible cardiac issue occurs due to an emergency medical condition. An EKG/ECG may need to be performed to address the situation quickly. The recording is reviewed by a physician who provides an interpretation and written report. An EKG/ECG may be reported as the technical aspect only, the interpretation and written report only, or both aspects together as 1 service. For the purpose of this policy, EKG will be used to represent both EKG and ECG.

C. Definitions

- **Electrocardiogram (EKG/ECG)** – A test that records the electrical activity of the heart.
- **Emergency Medical Condition** – A medical condition that manifests itself by signs and symptoms of sufficient severity or acuity, including severe pain, such that a prudent layperson would reasonably have cause to believe constitutes a condition that the absence of immediate medical attention could reasonably be expected to result in:
  - Placing the health of an individual, or with respect to a pregnant woman, the health of the woman or her unborn child in serious jeopardy.
  - Serious impairment to bodily functions.
  - Serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.
- **Imaging** – Several different technologies that are used to view the human body in order to diagnose, monitor, or treat medical conditions.

D. Policy

I. Electrocardiogram (EKG/ECG) Interpretation

- A. CareSource will reimburse the first EKG interpretation claim that is received for the member on the date of service.
1. If another claim for the same EKG interpretation is received for reimbursement, CareSource will only reimburse the first claim received for the same member on the same date of service.
  2. CareSource will not reimburse duplicate claims for the same service on the same date of service for the same member without the appropriate modifier.
- B. If a second EKG interpretation is medically necessary on the same date of service before the member is discharged, modifier 76 or modifier 77 must be appended to the second EKG interpretation for reimbursement.

II. Imaging Interpretation

- A. CareSource will reimburse the first imaging interpretation claim that is received for the member on the date of service.

1. If another claim for the same imaging interpretation is received for reimbursement, CareSource will only reimburse the first claim received for the same member on the same date of service.
  2. CareSource will not reimburse duplicate claims for the same service on the same date of service for the same member without the appropriate modifier.
- B. If a second imaging interpretation is medically necessary, on the same date of service before the member is discharged, modifier 76 or modifier 77 must be appended to the second imaging interpretation for reimbursement.

III. CareSource expects providers to work with other departments within the provider's organization to determine which department will submit the claim to prevent duplicate claim submissions.

**E. Conditions of Coverage**

CareSource expects providers to use appropriate, standard billing guidelines. Modifiers and place of service codes are listed below only as a reference.

<b>Modifier</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>26</b>	Professional Component
<b>76</b>	Repeat Procedure or Service by Same Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional
<b>77</b>	Repeat Procedure by Another Physician or Other Qualified HealthCare Professional

**F. Related Policies/Rules**

Marketplace Plan Evidence of Coverage

**G. Review/Revision History**

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**H. References**

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The ADMINISTRATIVE Policy Statement detailed above has received due consideration as defined in the ADMINISTRATIVE Policy Statement Policy and is approved.