

Local Coverage Determination (LCD): Measurement of Salivary Hormones (L36857)

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CMS National Coverage Policy
Code of Federal Regulations:

42 CFR Sections 410.32(a) & 410.32(a)(3) require that clinical laboratory services be ordered and used promptly by the physician (or other treating practitioner acting within the scope of his or her license and Medicare requirements) who is treating the beneficiary.

42CFR411.15 excludes from coverage examinations performed for a purpose other than treatment or diagnosis of a specific illness, symptoms, complaint, or injury with specific legislative enactments as the only exceptions.

CMS Manual System, Pub. 100-02, *Medicare Benefit Policy Manual*, Chapter 6, §§20.4.4 and 20.4.5.

Coverage Guidance **Coverage Indications, Limitations, and/or Medical Necessity**

Hormones, both endocrine and exocrine, are secreted into various bodily fluids and their measurement can often diagnose diseases or be used to follow the course of a disease. Traditionally endocrine hormones are measured in serum, plasma, or urine. Measurements of hormones at certain times of the day, or after various attempts at suppression or stimulation can be used for diagnoses of endocrine diseases. Recently some labs have attempted to develop measurement of hormones in salivary secretions. Material is collected from saliva and sent to a lab for measurement. The convenience of collection without need of arterial or venipuncture simplifies collection, but the

accuracy of measurement and lack of standardization makes the values determined still investigational. Noridian Healthcare Solutions currently considers salivary cortisol collected in the evening for diagnosis of Cushing's syndrome as the only medically necessary and reasonable hormone measurement from salivary fluid. All other determinations of salivary hormones (e.g., thyroid, testosterone, estrogen, parathyroid, growth hormone, etc.) are considered investigational.

Summary of Evidence

N/A

Analysis of Evidence (Rationale for Determination)

N/A

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Coding Information

Bill Type Codes:

Contractors may specify Bill Types to help providers identify those Bill Types typically used to report this service. Absence of a Bill Type does not guarantee that the policy does not apply to that Bill Type. Complete absence of all Bill Types indicates that coverage is not influenced by Bill Type and the policy should be assumed to apply equally to all claims.

N/A

Revenue Codes:

Contractors may specify Revenue Codes to help providers identify those Revenue Codes typically used to report this service. In most instances Revenue Codes are purely advisory. Unless specified in the policy, services reported under other Revenue Codes are equally subject to this coverage determination. Complete absence of all Revenue Codes indicates that coverage is not influenced by Revenue Code and the policy should be assumed to apply equally to all Revenue Codes.

N/A

CPT/HCPCS Codes

Group 1 Paragraph:

Because current CPT^{reg} codes do not specify or identify "salivary" hormone testing from serum or urine hormone testing, claims for salivary levels of hormone should be coded with NOS code 84999 and the words "salivary cortisol". For other than cortisol use "salivary (name of other hormone)" which will generate a denial.

Group 1 Codes:

84999 UNLISTED CHEMISTRY PROCEDURE

ICD-10 Codes that Support Medical Necessity

Group 1 Paragraph: N/A

Group 1 Codes:

ICD-10 Codes	Description
E24.0	Pituitary-dependent Cushing's disease
E24.2	Drug-induced Cushing's syndrome
E24.3	Ectopic ACTH syndrome
E24.4	Alcohol-induced pseudo-Cushing's syndrome
E24.8	Other Cushing's syndrome
E24.9	Cushing's syndrome, unspecified
E27.0	Other adrenocortical overactivity
E27.8	Other specified disorders of adrenal gland

ICD-10 Codes that DO NOT Support Medical Necessity N/A

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General Information

Associated Information

If requested, chart documentation would show signs, symptoms, or clinical reasons why Cushing's syndrome was being tested for.

No comments were received for this draft LCD for comment period ending 12/15/2016.

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10/01/2017	R1	DATE (08/23/2017): At this time 21st Century Cures Act will apply to new and revised LCDs that restrict coverage which requires comment and notice. This revision is not a restriction to the coverage determination; and, therefore not all the fields included on the LCD are applicable as noted in this policy. Effective 10/1/2017, LCD is revised per the annual ICD-10-CM code update to: Add ICD-10-CM codes: E27.8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Revisions Due To ICD -10-CM Code Changes

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Associated Documents

Attachments N/A

Related Local Coverage Documents LCD(s) [DL36857 - Measurement of Salivary Hormones](#)

Related National Coverage Documents N/A

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