Medical Policy
Dynamic Spinal Visualization

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BCBSA Reference Number: 6.01.46

Related Policies
- Positional Magnetic Resonance Imaging, #106

Policy
Commercial Members: Managed Care (HMO and POS), PPO, and Indemnity Medicare HMO BlueSM and Medicare PPO BlueSM Members

The use of dynamic spinal visualization is **INVESTIGATIONAL**.

Prior Authorization Information
Pre-service approval is required for all inpatient services for all products. See below for situations where prior authorization may be required or may not be required for outpatient services.
Yes indicates that prior authorization is required.
No indicates that prior authorization is not required.
N/A indicates that this service is primarily performed in an inpatient setting.

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CPT Codes / HCPCS Codes / ICD Codes
Inclusion or exclusion of a code does not constitute or imply member coverage or provider reimbursement. Please refer to the member’s contract benefits in effect at the time of service to determine coverage or non-coverage as it applies to an individual member.

Providers should report all services using the most up-to-date industry-standard procedure, revenue, and diagnosis codes, including modifiers where applicable.
The following codes are included below for informational purposes only; this is not an all-inclusive list.

The following CPT codes are considered investigational for Commercial Members: Managed Care (HMO and POS), PPO, Indemnity, Medicare HMO Blue and Medicare PPO Blue:

### CPT Codes

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<td>76120</td>
<td>Cineradiography/videoradiography, except where specifically included</td>
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### Description

Dynamic spinal visualization is a general term addressing different imaging technologies, including digital motion x-ray and videofluoroscopy (also known as cineradiography). These technologies allow the simultaneous visualization of movement of internal body structures, such as the spine (vertebrae), with corresponding external body movement. All of these methods use x-rays to create images either on film, video monitor, or computer screen.

Digital motion x-ray involves the use of either film x-ray or computer-based x-ray ‘snapshots’, taken in sequence as a patient moves, with subsequent video replay to capture a moving image of the inside of the body. Videofluoroscopy (cineradiography) uses fluoroscopy to create real-time video images of internal structures of the body instead of taking ‘snapshots’.

Both technologies have been proposed for the evaluation of varying aspects of the body's vertebral structures, such as intervertebral flexion, extension, and presence of abnormalities, for the evaluation of spinal disorders including low back pain.

### Summary

The evidence on dynamic spinal visualization consists predominantly of comparisons of spine kinetics in patients with neck or back pain with healthy controls.] This evidence is insufficient to evaluate the effect on health outcomes of digital motion x-rays or cineradiography/videofluoroscopy of the spine for any indication. Therefore, dynamic spinal visualization is considered investigational.

### Policy History

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Information Pertaining to All Blue Cross Blue Shield Medical Policies

Click on any of the following terms to access the relevant information:

- Medical Policy Terms of Use
- Managed Care Guidelines
- Indemnity/PPO Guidelines
- Clinical Exception Process
References


