

# Provider Memorandum

## Correct Coding for Sleep Studies

Molina Healthcare of Illinois (Molina) understands that choosing the most appropriate CPT code for the various sleep studies can be challenging. Molina would like to provide guidance to reduce any confusion and unnecessary denials that can result in a potential delay in services and payment.

**Important:** The Molina reimbursement policy will **not** allow CPT codes 95810 and 95811 to be billed separately. If you bill both of these codes within 30 days, you will **not** get paid for the second billed code.

## Procedure Codes (CPT & HCPCS)

Per Molina's reimbursement policy, the following CPT codes correspond to facility sleep study (polysomnography) and CPAP (continuous positive airway pressure) titration requests for persons 6 years of age or older:

Code	Procedure
95810	Polysomnography; age 6 years or older, sleep staging with 4 or more additional parameters of sleep, attended by a technologist
95810	Diagnostic sleep study only
95811	Polysomnography; age 6 years or older, sleep staging with 4 or more additional parameters of sleep, with initiation of continuous positive airway pressure therapy or bilevel ventilation, attended by a technologist
95811	Split night sleep study

When billing for a diagnostic sleep study **only**, CPT code 95810 should be utilized.

When billing for a diagnostic sleep study **and** CPAP titration study, CPT code 95811 should be utilized.

## Scenarios To Consider While Billing

Providers can perform the titration portion of a sleep study in two visits or together in a single visit (split night). However, according to the American Academy of Sleep Medicine, it is **not** appropriate to bill the diagnostic portion (95810) and titration portion (95811) of a sleep study separately. Doing so would be billing for two procedures when only one was performed.

If a sleep study meets Medical Necessity and receives Prior Authorization, a provider can only bill what is actually performed—either the diagnostic portion **or** the diagnostic portion with titration (split night or over two visits).

For split-night studies, CPT codes 95810 and 95811 are mutually exclusive procedures if billed together on the same night, according to both the American Medical Association (AMA) and NCCI Procedure to Procedure Edits.

- CPT code 95811 is the appropriate code for a split-night study.
- Code 95810 would **only** be used if no evidence of apnea is found.

For sleep studies performed in two visits, according to CMS, proper coding would be to bill for CPT code 95811 **only**.

### **Questions?**

We're here to help. Contact your dedicated Provider Network Manager or email the Provider Network Management team at [MHILProviderNetworkManagement@MolinaHealthcare.com](mailto:MHILProviderNetworkManagement@MolinaHealthcare.com). For help identifying your dedicated Provider Network Manager, visit [Molina's Service Area page](#) at [MolinaHealthcare.com](https://www.molinahealthcare.com).

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**Note:** Molina's website and documents are best viewed in Google Chrome or Microsoft Edge.

### **References**

Molina Healthcare payment policy: [PI-Payment-Policy-46-Split-Night-Sleep-Study \(molinahealthcare.com\)](#)

American Academy of Sleep Medicine Codes: [aasm.org/clinical-resources/coding-reimbursement/sleep-medicine-codes](https://aasm.org/clinical-resources/coding-reimbursement/sleep-medicine-codes)