	POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
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Title: Electromyography, Nerve Conduction Studies	
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Purpose:

To describe the guidelines of Central California Alliance for Health (the Alliance) in authorizing Electromyography and Nerve Conduction Studies.

Policy:

The Alliance will authorize Electromyography and Nerve Conduction Studies when they are medically necessary according to Alliance Policy 404-1112 – Medical Necessity - The Definition and Application of Medical Necessity Provision to Authorization Requests.

Procedures:

Electromyography and Nerve Conduction Studies require prior authorization. The Alliance uses standards set by Medi-Cal, when available, to determine the medical necessity for Electromyography and Nerve Conduction Studies. When Medi-Cal medical necessity criteria are not available, other evidence-based criteria are utilized, such as MCG care guidelines, for medical necessity determination.

References:

Alliance Policies:

404-1112 – Medical Necessity - The Definition and Application of Medical Necessity Provision to Authorization Requests

404-1716 – Epidermal Nerve Fiber Density Studies

Impacted Departments:

Claims

Provider Services

Regulatory:

Legislative:

Contractual (Previous Contract):

Contractual (2024 Contract):

DHCS All Plan Letter:

NCQA:

Supersedes:

Other References:

Medi-Cal Manuals, Department of Health Care Services

Attachments:

Lines of Business This Policy Applies To


- ☐ DSNP
- ☒ Medi-Cal
- ☒ Alliance Care IHSS

LOB Effective Dates

(01/01/2026 – present)

(01/01/1996 – present)

(07/01/2005 – present)

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