

## CONTINUOUS EXOPHAGEAL PH MONITORING (CAEPHM)

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### I. CPT<sup>1</sup> PROCEDURE CODE RANGE

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### II. DESCRIPTION

A pH electrode (probe) positioned transnasally into the esophagus above the lower esophageal sphincter. The electrode transmits pH measurements to a portable data recorder. The monitoring can be performed on an inpatient or outpatient basis.

### III. POLICY

Services and supplies related to Continuous Esophageal pH Monitoring for the purpose of diagnosing and monitoring the treatment for Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease may be cost-shared.

### IV. EFFECTIVE DATES

A. October 31, 1994, services and supplies related to CAEpHM in patients age 12 and over with:

1. Chronic heartburn;
2. Chronic hoarseness;
3. Persistent acid reflux refractory to therapy; or
4. Noncardiac substernal chest pain.

B. January 1, 1996, for CAEpHM without restrictions based on age.

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