

Low Back Pain



Low Back Pain (LBP)

Members 18–75 years of age with a primary diagnosis of low back pain who did not have an imaging study (plain X-ray, MRI, CT scan) within 28 days of the diagnosis

- An imaging study with a diagnosis of **uncomplicated low back pain** on the index episode start date (IESD)¹ or in the 28 days following the IESD. This measure reports as an inverted rate.
- A higher score indicates appropriate treatment of low back pain (i.e. the proportion for whom imaging studies did not occur).

Coding & Documentation

Low Back Pain Codes

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| Imaging Study | CPT® Code(s) 72052, 72100, 72110, 72114, 72120, 72131-72133, 72141, 72142, 72146-72149, 72156, 72158, 72200, 72202, 72220, 72070, 72072, 72074, 72080-72084, 72125-72130, 72157 |
| Uncomplicated Low Back Pain | ICD-10 Code(s) M47.26, M47.27, M47.28, M47.816, M47.817, M47.818, M47.896-M47.898, M48.06, M48.061, M48.07, M48.08, M51.16, M51.17, M51.26, M51.27, M51.36, M51.37, M51.86, M51.87, M53.2X6, M53.2X7, M53.2X8, M53.3, M53.86-M53.88, M54.16-M54.18, M54.30-M54.32, M54.40-M54.42, M54.5, M54.89, M54.9, M99.03, M99.04, M99.23, M99.33, M99.43, M99.53, M99.63, M99.73, M99.83, M99.84, S33.100A, S33.100D, S33.100S, S33.110A, S33.110D, S33.110S, S33.120A, S33.120D, S33.120S, S33.130A, S33.130D, S33.130S, S33.140A, S33.140D, S33.140S, S33.5XXA, S33.6XXA, S33.8XXA, S33.9XXA, S39.002A, S39.002D, S39.002S, S39.012A, S39.012D, S39.012S, S39.092A, S39.092D, S39.092S, S39.82XA, S39.82XD, S39.82XS, S39.92XA, S39.92XD, S39.92XS, M51.360, M51.362, M51.369, M51.370, M51.372, M51.379, M54.50, M54.51, M54.59 |

Visit Type Codes for Uncomplicated Low Back Pain Principal Diagnosis

Visits that result in an inpatient stay will not be included.

| Description | CPT Code(s) | HCPCS Code(s) |
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| Outpatient Visit | 98000-98007, 99202-99205, 99211-99215, 99242-99245, 99341-99345, 99347-99350, 99381-99387, 99391-99397, 99401-99404, 99411-99412, 99429, 99455, 99456, 99483 | G0402, G0438, G0439, G0463, T1015 |
| ED Visit | 99281, 99282, 99283, 99284, 99285 | |
| Physical Therapy Visit | 97110, 97112, 97113, 97124, 97140, 97161-97164 | |
| Telephone Visit | 98966-98968, 99441-99443, 98008-98015 | |
| E-Visit or Virtual Check-In (Online Assessments) | 998970-98972, 99421-99423, 99458, 98016, 98980-98981 | G2010, G2012, G2250-G2252, G0071 |

¹The earliest date of service for an eligible encounter during the intake period with a principal diagnosis of low back pain. The intake period is used to identify the first eligible encounter with a primary diagnosis of low back pain. January 1–December 31 of the measurement year. (NCQA HEDIS® MY 2020 & 2021 Volume 2 (epub))

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Exclusion Codes

Exclude any member who had a diagnosis for which imaging is clinically appropriate. Any of the following meet criteria:

Cancer Exclusions

Any cancer diagnosis uses ICD-10 codes.

- Malignant and other neoplasms
- History of malignant neoplasms

Cancer any time during the member's history through 28 days following the IESD

Recent Trauma Exclusions

Any trauma diagnosis uses ICD-10 codes.

- Trauma any time during the three months prior to the IESD through 28 days following the IESD

IV Drug Abuse Exclusions

IV drug abuse any time during the 12 months (one year) prior to the IESD through 28 days following the IESD

ICD-10 Codes: F11.13 and F14.13, F11.10, F11.11, F11.120-F11.122, F11.129, F11.14, F11.150, F11.151, F11.159, F11.181, F11.182, F11.188, F11.19-F11.21, F11.220-F11.222, F11.229, F11.23, F11.24, F11.250, F11.251, F11.259, F11.281, F11.282, F11.288, F11.29, F13.10, F13.11, F13.120, F13.121, F13.129, F13.14, F13.150, F13.151, F13.159, F13.180-F13.182, F13.188, F13.19-F13.21, F13.220, F13.221, F13.229, F13.230-F13.232, F13.239, F13.24, F13.250, F13.251, F13.259, F13.26, F13.27, F13.280-F13.282, F13.288, F13.29, F14.10, F14.11, F14.120-F14.122, F14.129, F14.14, F14.150, F14.151, F14.159, F14.180-F14.182, F14.188, F14.19-F14.21, F14.220-F14.222, F14.229, F14.23, F14.24, F14.250, F14.251, F14.259, F14.280-F14.282, F14.288, F14.29, F15.10, F15.11, F15.120-F15.122, F15.129, F15.14, F15.150, F15.151, F15.159, F15.180-F15.182, F15.188, F15.19-F15.21, F15.220, F15.221, F15.222, F15.229, F15.23, F15.24, F15.250, F15.251, F15.259, F15.280-F15.282, F15.288, F15.29

Neurologic Impairment Exclusions

Neurologic impairment any time during the 12 months (one year) prior to the IESD through 28 days following the IESD

ICD-10 Code: G83.4

HIV Exclusions

HIV any time during the member's history through 28 days following the IESD

ICD-10 Codes: B20, Z21

Spinal Infection Exclusions

Spinal infection any time during the 12 months (one year) prior to the IESD through 28 days following the IESD

ICD-10 Codes: A17.81, G06.1, M46.25-M46.28, M46.35-M46.38, M46.46-M46.48

Major Organ Transplant Exclusions

Organ transplant any time in the member's history through 28 days following the IESD

ICD-10 Code: Z94.0

CPT Codes: 32850-32856, 33927-33929, 33930, 33933, 33935, 33940, 33944, 33945, 44132, 44133, 44135-44137, 44715, 44720, 44721, 47133, 47135, 47136, 47140-47147, 48160, 48550-48552, 48554, 48556, 50360, 50365, 50380

HCPCS Codes: S2065, S2053-S2055, S2060, S2061, S2152

ICD-10-PCS Codes: 02YA0Z0, 0TY00Z0, 0TY00Z1, 0TY00Z2, 0TY10Z0, 0TY10Z1, 0TY10Z2, 02YA0Z1, 02YA0Z2, 07YMOZ0, 07YMOZ1, 07YMOZ2, 07YPOZ0, 07YPOZ1, 07YPOZ2, 0BYCOZ0, 0BYCOZ1, 0BYCOZ2, 0BYDOZ0, 0BYDOZ1, 0BYDOZ2, 0BYFOZ0, 0BYFOZ1, 0BYFOZ2, 0BYGOZ0, 0BYGOZ1, 0BYGOZ2, 0BYHOZ0, 0BYHOZ1, 0BYHOZ2, 0BYJOZ0, 0BYJOZ1, 0BYJOZ2, 0BYKOZ0, 0BYKOZ1, 0BYKOZ2, 0BYLOZ0, 0BYLOZ1, 0BYLOZ2, 0BYMOZ0, 0BYMOZ1, 0BYMOZ2, 0DY5OZ0, 0DY5OZ1, 0DY5OZ2, 0DY6OZ0, 0DY6OZ1, 0DY6OZ2, 0DY8OZ0, 0DY8OZ1, 0DY8OZ2, 0DYEOZ0, 0DYEOZ1, 0DYEOZ2, 0FY0OZ0, 0FY0OZ1, 0FY0OZ2, 0FYGOZ0, 0FYGOZ1, 0FYGOZ2, 0UY0OZ0, 0UY0OZ1, 0UY0OZ2, 0UY1OZ0, 0UY1OZ1, 0UY1OZ2, 0UY9OZ0, 0UY9OZ1, 0UY9OZ2, 0WY2OZ0, 0WY2OZ1, 0XYJOZ0, 0XYJOZ1, 0XYKOZ0, 0XYKOZ1, 3E030U1, 3E033U1, 3E0J3U1, 3E0J7U1, 3E0J8U1

Osteoporosis Exclusions

Any osteoporosis diagnosis uses ICD-10 codes. Any osteoporosis treatment medication anytime during the 12 months (one year) prior to the IESD through 28 days following

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| Prolonged Use Corticosteroids | Methylprednisolone | Triamcinolone | Dexamethasone | Betamethasone |
| | Cortisone | Prednisone | Prednisolone | Hydrocortisone |

The information listed here is not all-inclusive and should be used as a reference only. Please refer to current ICD-10/CPT®/HCPCS coding and documentation guidelines found at cms.gov. HEDIS® measures can be found at ncqa.org.