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New pediatric indication for LINQ II™

Reimbursement update of LINQ II™ insertable cardiac monitor (ICM) for pediatric patients two years and older

Summary

LINQ II™ ICM is the first subcutaneous cardiac rhythm monitor available for use in patients **as young as 2 years old**.

Now available

Impact on **coding**

The codes for the insertion of a LINQ II™ device are as follows regardless of the patient's age. There are **no changes** in coding due to the pediatric labeling:

CPT®[1] code	Description
Subcutaneous cardiac rhythm monitor procedures (includes loop recorders)	
33285	Insertion, subcutaneous cardiac rhythm monitor, including programming
33286	Removal, subcutaneous cardiac rhythm monitor
Subcutaneous cardiac rhythm monitor interrogation – in person	
93291	Interrogation device evaluation (in person) with analysis, review, and report by a physician or other qualified healthcare professional, including connection, recording, and disconnection per patient encounter; subcutaneous cardiac rhythm monitor system, including heart rhythm-derived data analysis
Subcutaneous cardiac rhythm monitor programming – in person	
93285	Programming device evaluation (in person) with iterative adjustment of the implantable device to test the function of the device and select optimal permanent programmed values with analysis, review, and report by a physician or other qualified healthcare professional; subcutaneous cardiac rhythm monitor system
Subcutaneous cardiac rhythm monitor interrogation - remote	
93298	Interrogation device evaluation(s), (remote) up to 30 days; subcutaneous cardiac rhythm monitor system, including analysis of recorded heart rhythm data, analysis, review(s), and report(s) by a physician or other qualified healthcare professional
G2066	Interrogation device evaluation(s), (remote) up to 30 days; implantable cardiovascular physiologic monitor system, implantable loop recorder system, or subcutaneous cardiac rhythm monitor system, remote data acquisition(s), receipt of transmissions and technician review, technical support, and distribution of results
Subcutaneous cardiac rhythm monitor programming - remote	
0650T	Programming device evaluation (remote) of subcutaneous cardiac rhythm monitor system, with iterative adjustment of the implantable device to test the function of the device and select optimal permanently programmed values with analysis, review and report by a physician or other qualified healthcare professional

HCPCS codes, ICD-10 procedure codes, ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes, and any other relevant coding information can be found in our **comprehensive reimbursement guide**. Click here.

Impact on **coverage**

FDA approval or clearance does not equate to coverage. Coverage is determined by the patient's individual health insurance plan. Many payers have medical policies for subcutaneous cardiac rhythm monitors. There are a few things to consider when determining coverage for a subcutaneous cardiac rhythm monitor:

- **Diagnosis**: Some payers will have specific diagnoses in which a subcutaneous cardiac rhythm monitor is deemed a covered benefit.
- **Coverage criteria**: Some private payers will have specific criteria that must be met to confirm coverage for services prior to those services being rendered.
- **Prior authorization or pre-determination requirements**: Some payers may require prior authorization or pre-determination be completed prior to services being rendered.

You will need to **contact the patient's health insurance plan** to verify coverage, benefits, and prior authorization requirements prior to insertion.

Coverage criteria and prior authorization or pre-determination requirements will vary by payer and patient-specific insurance plan. Prior authorization guidance can be found in our **comprehensive reimbursement guide**. Click here.

Impact on **payment**

Reimbursement rates for private payers are variable, and specific to proprietary negotiations between individual hospitals/providers and health insurance companies. To determine the specific reimbursement rate for services, contact your internal revenue cycle and/or contracting teams.

Medicare national unadjusted reimbursement rates by DRG are publicly available and some applicable rates can be found in our **comprehensive reimbursement guide**. Click here.

Contact

For additional information, contact the Medtronic Reimbursement Customer Support team by phone at 866-877-4102 or by email at: rs.healthcareeconomics@medtronic.com.

References

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Brief Statement for Medtronic LINQ II Insertable Cardiac Monitor System (ICM) and Remote Monitoring

Indications

The LINQ II ICM is an insertable automatically-activated and patient-activated monitoring system that records subcutaneous ECG and is indicated in adult patients, and in pediatric patients who are at least 2 years old, in the following cases:

- patients with clinical syndromes or situations at increased risk of cardiac arrhythmias
- patients who experience transient symptoms such as dizziness, palpitation, syncope, and chest pain that may suggest a cardiac arrhythmia

Contraindications

There are no known contraindications for the insertion of the LINQ II ICM or its accessories. However, the patient's particular medical condition may dictate whether or not a subcutaneous, chronically inserted device can be tolerated.

Warnings and Precautions

Patients with the LINQ II ICM should avoid sources of diathermy, high sources of radiation, electrosurgical cautery, external defibrillation, lithotripsy, therapeutic ultrasound and radiofrequency ablation to avoid electrical reset of the device, and/or inappropriate sensing as described in the Medical procedure and EMI Warnings, Precautions and Guidance Manual. MRI scans should be performed only in a specified MR environment under specified conditions as described in the LINQ II MRI Technical Manual.

Wireless accessories available for use with LINQ II may experience connectivity or performance issues. See product manuals for details and troubleshooting instructions.

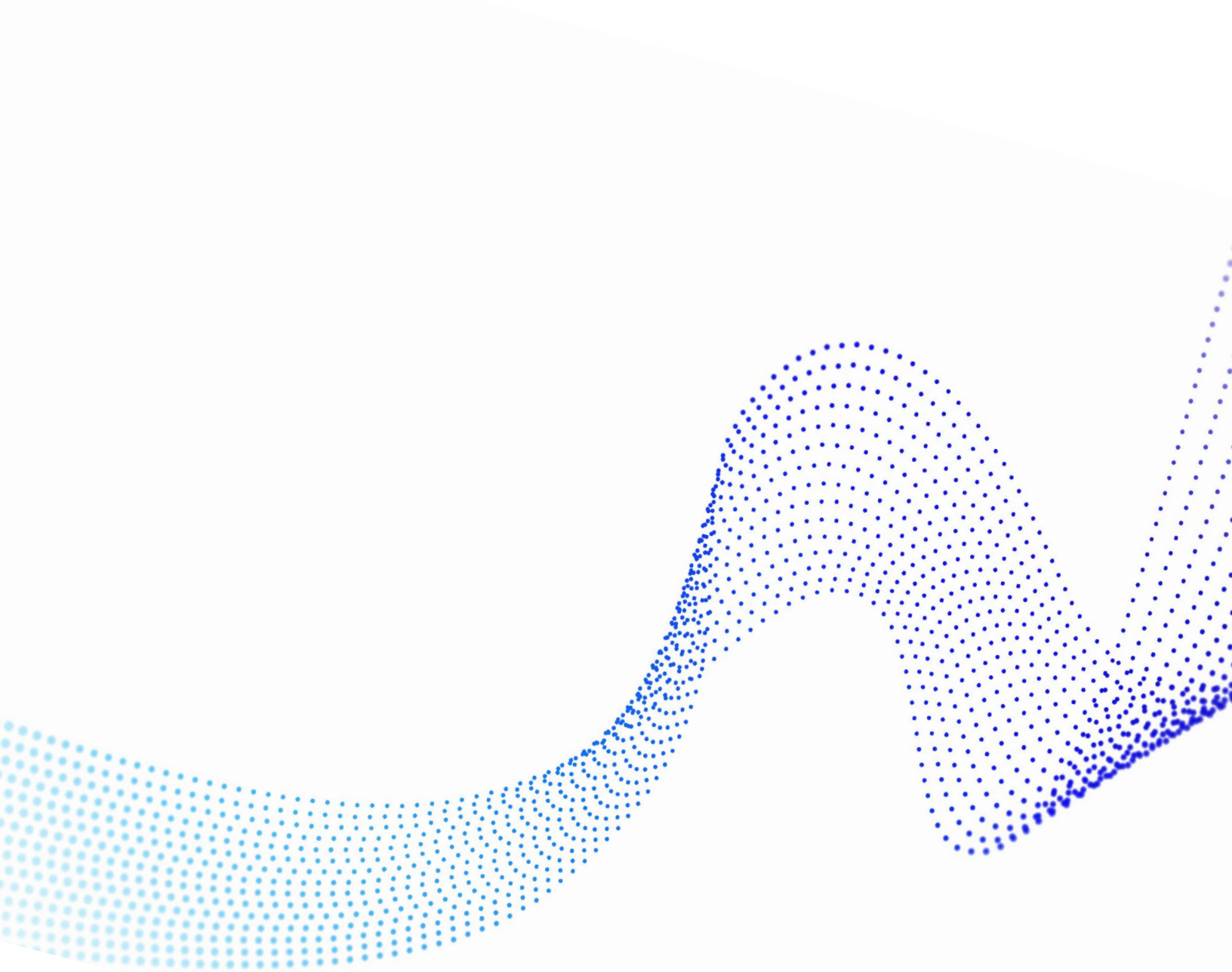
Potential Adverse Events

Potential adverse events from the LINQ II ICM include, but are not limited to, device rejection phenomena (including local tissue reaction), device migration, infection, and erosion through the skin.

There are no known adverse events associated with the use of any LINQ II ICM wireless accessory.

See the device manuals for detailed information regarding the implant procedure, indications / intended use, contraindications, warnings, precautions, and potential complications/adverse events. For further information, please call Medtronic at (800) 328-2518 (Technical Services), (800) 551-5544 (Patient Services), and/or consult Medtronic's website at www.medtronic.com.

Caution: Federal law (USA) restricts prescription devices to sale by or on the order of a physician.



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