

## Clinical Review Criteria Driving Skills Assessment

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### Criteria

#### For Medicare Members

Source	Policy
CMS Coverage Manuals	None
National Coverage Determinations (NCD)	None
Local Coverage Determinations (LCD)	None
Local Coverage Article (LCA)	<a href="#">Billing and Coding: Therapy Driving Evaluations (A52772)</a> <i>Medicare does not reimburse evaluations performed solely to assess a beneficiary's ability to drive a vehicle. In order for a service to be covered, the service must have a benefit category in the statute Title 18 of the Social Security Act (SSA), it must not be excluded, and it must be reasonable and necessary. There is no benefit category for driving evaluations.</i>

#### For Non-Medicare Members

Treatments and/or therapies that are intended to specifically improve what are known as Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADL) are not covered because they are not considered treatment of disease. This includes driving skills assessments.

#### If requesting review for this service, please send the following documentation:

- Last 6 months of clinical notes from requesting provider &/or specialist

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### Background

OT is generally covered for members with eligible conditions that require improvement in Activities of Daily Living (ADLs). These include, but may not be limited to bathing, communication, dressing, feeding, grooming, mobility, personal hygiene, self-maintenance, skin management, and toileting.

Treatments and/or therapies that are intended to specifically improve what are known as Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADL) are not covered because they are not considered treatment of disease. These include, but are not limited to: community living skills including balancing a checkbook, use of public transportation; home management skills including meal preparation, laundry; leisure activities including hobbies, sports or recreation of all types even if suggested as part of an OT treatment plan; motor vehicle driving evaluations and driving instruction - this includes automobiles, trucks, motorcycles and bicycles; or personal safety preparedness. This does not mean that a driving evaluation might not be helpful for a given patient, rather that the patient or family would be responsible for the cost.

## Applicable Codes

### Considered Not Medically Necessary:

CPT® or HCPC Codes	Description
<i>No specific codes</i>	

**\*Note:** Codes may not be all-inclusive. Deleted codes and codes not in effect at the time of service may not be covered.

\*\*To verify authorization requirements for a specific code by plan type, please use the [Pre-authorization Code Check](#).

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