

Outpatient Hospital Pain Rehabilitation Programs (NCD 10.4)

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Application

This reimbursement policy applies to services reported using the Health Insurance Claim Form CMS-1500 or its electronic equivalent or its successor form, and services reported using facility claim form CMS-1450 or its electronic equivalent or its successor form. This policy applies to all products, all network and non-network physicians, and other health care professionals.

This reimbursement policy applies to services reported using the Health Insurance Claim Form CMS-1500 or its

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electronic equivalent or its successor form, and services reported using facility claim form CMS-1450 or its electronic equivalent or its successor form. This policy applies to all products, all network and non-network physicians, and other health care professionals.

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Summary

Overview

Some hospitals also provide pain rehabilitation programs for outpatients. In such programs, services frequently are provided in group settings even though they are being furnished pursuant to each patient's individualized plan of treatment.

Reimbursement Guidelines

Coverage of services furnished under outpatient hospital pain rehabilitation programs, including services furnished in group settings under individualized plans of treatment, is available if the patient's pain is attributable to a physical cause, the usual methods of treatment have not been successful in alleviating it, and a significant loss of ability by the patient to function independently has resulted from the pain. If a patient meets these conditions and the program provides services of the types discussed in §10.3 of the NCD Manual, the services provided under the program may be covered. Noncovered services (e.g., vocational counseling, meals for outpatients, or acupuncture) continue to be excluded from coverage, and intermediaries would not be precluded from finding, in the case of particular patients, that the pain rehabilitation program is not reasonable and necessary under §1862(a)(1) of the Act for the treatment of their conditions.

References Included (but not limited to):

CMS NCDs

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CMS LCDs

Numerous LCDs

Articles

Numerous Articles

CMS Claims Processing Manual

Chapter 3 Inpatient Hospital Billing: § 140.1.1 Criteria That Must Be Met By Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities

CMS Transmittal

Transmittal 2511, Change Request 7836, Dated August 3, 2012, Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulation (TENS) for Chronic Low Back Pain (CLBP)

UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage Coverage Summaries

Pain Management and Pain Rehabilitation

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Stimulators - Electrical and Spinal Cord Stimulators

Rehabilitation - Medical Rehabilitation (OT, PT and ST, including Cognitive Rehabilitation)

Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Prosthetics, Corrective Appliances/Orthotics (Non-Foot Orthotics) and Medical Supplies Grid

UnitedHealthcare Reimbursement Policies

NCD 10.2 Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulation (TENS) for Acute Post-Operative Pain

NCD 160.27 Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulation (TENS) for Chronic Low Back Pain (CLBP)

Paravertebral Facet Joint Injections

UnitedHealthcare Medical Policies

Electrical Stimulation For The Treatment Of Pain And Muscle Rehabilitation

Epidural Steroid And Facet Injections For Spinal Pain

MLN Matters

Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs: A Resource to Help Address Prescription Drug Abuse and Diversion

Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulation (TENS) for Chronic Low Back Pain (CLBP)

History

Date	Revisions
02/12/2014	Annual review, no changes.
02/13/2013	Policy presented to MRP Committee for approval
07/11/2012	Administrative updates