

Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulators (for North Carolina Only)

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Related Policies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Durable Medical Equipment, Orthotics, Medical Supplies, and Repairs/Replacements Electrical Stimulation for the Treatment of Pain and Muscle Rehabilitation

Application

This Coverage Determination Guideline only applies to the state of North Carolina.

Coverage Rationale

A transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulator (TENS) is considered covered and medically necessary under certain circumstances. For medical necessity clinical coverage criteria, refer to [North Carolina Medicaid \(Division of Health Benefits\) Clinical Coverage Policy for Medical Equipment, 5A-1, Physical Rehabilitation Equipment and Supplies](#).

Applicable Codes

The following list(s) of procedure and/or diagnosis codes is provided for reference purposes only and may not be all inclusive. Listing of a code in this policy does not imply that the service described by the code is a covered or non-covered health service. Benefit coverage for health services is determined by federal, state, or contractual requirements and applicable laws that may require coverage for a specific service. The inclusion of a code does not imply any right to reimbursement or guarantee claim payment. Other Policies and Guidelines may apply.

HCPCS Code	Description
A4595	Electrical stimulator supplies, 2 lead, per month, (e.g., TENS, NMES)
E0720	Transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS) device, two-lead, localized stimulation
E0730	Transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS) device, four or more leads, for multiple nerve stimulation

References

North Carolina Medicaid, Division of Health Benefits, Clinical Coverage Policies, Physical Rehabilitation Equipment And Supplies, No: 5A-1. https://files.nc.gov/ncdma/documents/files/5A-1_6.pdf. Accessed March 30, 2021.

Guideline History/Revision Information

Date	Summary of Changes
07/01/2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="337 220 831 247">• New Coverage Determination Guideline

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This Coverage Determination Guideline provides assistance in interpreting UnitedHealthcare standard benefit plans. When deciding coverage, the federal, state or contractual requirements for benefit plan coverage must be referenced as the terms of the federal, state or contractual requirements for benefit plan coverage may differ from the standard benefit plan. In the event of a conflict, the federal, state or contractual requirements for benefit plan coverage govern. Before using this guideline, please check the federal, state or contractual requirements for benefit plan coverage. UnitedHealthcare reserves the right to modify its Policies and Guidelines as necessary. This Coverage Determination Guideline is provided for informational purposes. It does not constitute medical advice.

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