

Notification of Medical Policy Revisions: December 2015

Medical Policy	Revision
Pneumatic Compression Device	Local Coverage Determination L33829 updated 12/1/15. Description of Procedure/Service – minor revision of definition to Secondary lymphedema; added definition for Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD). Indications For Coverage – minor edit to B1 – adding reference of edema to affected lower extremity per LCD. When Coverage Will Not Be Approved – Added reference to Pneumatic Compression Device E0675 not covered when used for treatment of PAD. Added code E0670 per LCD.
Deep Brain Stimulation for Essential Tremor & Parkinson's Disease	Code revision and full policy review. No new CMS criteria. Removed code L8680 – considered invalid for Medicare.
Electrical Stimulators – Spinal Cord	Local Coverage Determination L34556 updated 11/19/15. Descriptions of Procedure/Service – revised to include Spinal Cord Stimulators are sometimes referred to as Central Nervous System Stimulators (Dorsal Column) as outlined in LCD and NCD 160.7. Indications For Coverage – Item A - added to include reference to both Spinal Cord Stimulators/Central Nervous System Stimulators (Dorsal Column); added item #1 related to trial requirement prior to permanent implantation of spinal cord stimulators; updated item #4 and #6 per LCD and NCD. Special Notes – removed separate criteria references for Dorsal Column as this language was not found in CMS guidance for Spinal Cord/Central Nervous System Stimulators. Removed code L8680 – considered invalid for Medicare; added the following codes per LCD: 63661, 63662, 63663, and 63664.
Immunosuppressant Medications	Billing/Coding Section updated; added new codes J7503 and J7512 and removed code J7506, effective 1/1/2016.
Immunoglobulin Therapy (Intravenous and Subcutaneous) in the HOME	Billing/Coding Section updated; added code J1575, effective 1/1/2016
External Infusion Pumps	Billing/Coding Section updated; new code J7999 replaces Q9977, added J7340 and removed J9039, effective 1/1/2016.
Antiemetic Medications	Billing/Coding Section updated; removed code Q9978 and added J8655, effective 1/1/2016.