

REIMBURSEMENT POLICY STATEMENT

North Carolina Marketplace

Policy Name & Number	Date Effective
Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulators-NC MP-PY-1400	03/01/2024
Policy Type	
REIMBURSEMENT	

Reimbursement Policies prepared by CareSource and its affiliates are intended to provide a general reference regarding billing, coding and documentation guidelines. Coding methodology, regulatory requirements, industry-standard claims editing logic, benefits design and other factors are considered in developing Reimbursement Policies.

In addition to this Policy, Reimbursement of services is subject to member benefits and eligibility on the date of service, medical



A. Subject

Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulation (TENS)

B. Background

Reimbursement policies are designed to assist providers when submitting claims to CareSource. They are routinely updated to promote accurate coding and policy clarification. These proprietary policies are not a guarantee of payment. Reimbursement for claims may be subject to limitations and/or qualifications. Reimbursement will be established based upon a review of the actual services provided to a member and will be determined when the claim is received for processing. Health care providers and office staff are encouraged to use self-

It is the responsibility of the submitting provider to submit the most accurate and appropriate CPT/HCPCS code(s) for the product or service that is being provided. The inclusion of a code in this policy does not imply any right to reimbursement or guarantee claims payment.

Transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulators (TENS) are devices that produce a mild electrical stimulation that causes interference with transmission of painful stimuli. The

C. Definitions

- x **Accessories** ±Reusable items used with a TENS machine, which includes, but is not necessarily limited to, adapters, clips, additional connecting cable for lead wires, carrying pouches, and covers.
- x **Supplies** ±Typically disposable items used with a TENS machine, which includes, but is not necessarily limited to, electrodes of any type, lead wires, conductive paste or gel, adhesive, adhesive remover, skin preparation materials, batteries, and battery charger for rechargeable batteries.
- x **Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulation (TENS)** ±The application of mild electrical stimulation to skin electrodes placed over an area of the body experiencing pain, which causes interference with the transmission of pain. TENS requires a stimulator, a type of durable medical equipment (DME).



B. For post-

The REIMBURSEMENT Policy Statement detailed above has received due consideration as defined in the REIMBURSEMENT Policy Statement Policy and is approved.

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