



BlueCross BlueShield
of North Carolina

Corporate Medical Policy

Liss Body Stimulator

File Name: liss_body_stimulator
Policy Number: DME0160
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Active policy, no longer scheduled for routine literature review.

Description of Procedure or Service

The Liss Body Stimulator is a portable battery powered pulse generator used to reduce acute and chronic pain associated with several conditions. The Liss Body Stimulator has been used as pain control for arthritis, back pain, carpal tunnel syndrome, cervical/shoulder pain, closed head injury, diabetic neuropathy, headache [prophylaxis](#) (migraine, tension and sinus), multiple sclerosis, and TMJ-Dental pain. This list is not all inclusive and there may be other conditions for which LISS is used.

Policy

BCBSNC will not cover the LISS Body Stimulator because it is considered investigational. BCBSNC does not cover investigational services.

Benefits Application

Please refer to Certificate for availability of benefits. This policy relates only to the services or supplies described herein. Benefits may vary according to benefit design, therefore certificate language should be reviewed before applying the terms of the policy.

When the LISS Body Stimulator is covered

Not applicable

When the LISS Body Stimulator is not covered

It is not covered. It is considered investigational. BCBSNC does not cover investigational services.

Policy Guidelines

Not applicable

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Billing/Coding/Physician Documentation Information

This policy may apply to the following codes. Inclusion of a code in this section does not guarantee that it will be reimbursed. For further information on reimbursement guidelines, please see Administrative Policies on the Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina web site at www.bcbsnc.com. They are listed in the Category Search on the Medical Policy search page.

Applicable code:

There is no specific code for this service.

BCBSNC may request medical records for determination of medical necessity. When medical records are requested, letters of support and/or explanation are often useful, but are not sufficient documentation unless all specific information needed to make a medical necessity determination is included.

Policy Key Words

Key Words: LISS, Body Stimulator, TENS, Chronic pain, Arthritis, DME0160

Medical Term Definitions

Prophylaxis

preventive measure taken before any disease is present.

Scientific Background and Reference Sources

FDA approval notification - 9/7/90
Medical Policy Advisory Group Review - 3/99
Specialty Matched Consultant Advisory Panel - 10/2000
Medical Policy Advisory Group - 10/2000
Specialty Matched Consultant Advisory Panel - 7/2002
Specialty Matched Consultant Advisory Panel - 9/2002
Medical Policy Advisory Group - 9/2004

Policy Implementation/Update Information

2/97	Original policy issued.
3/99	Reviewed by MPAG. Reaffirm
7/99	Reformatted, Medical Term Definitions added.
10/00	Specialty Matched Consultant Advisory Panel review. No change recommended in criteria. System coding changes. Medical Policy Advisory Group review. No change in criteria. Approve.

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- 2/02 Coding format change.
- 8/02 Specialty Matched Consultant Advisory Panel review 7/12/2002. No changes.
- 10/02 Specialty Matched Consultant Advisory Panel review. Reaffirm policy. No changes.
- 4/04 Benefits Application and Billing/Coding sections updated for consistency.
- 9/23/04 Medical Policy Advisory Group review 9/16/2004. Description of Procedure or Service updated. References added. Policy status changed to: "Active policy, no longer scheduled for routine literature review."

Medical policy is not an authorization, certification, explanation of benefits or a contract. Benefits and eligibility are determined before medical guidelines and payment guidelines are applied. Benefits are determined by the group contract and subscriber certificate that is in effect at the time services are rendered. This document is solely provided for informational purposes only and is based on research of current medical literature and review of common medical practices in the treatment and diagnosis of disease. Medical practices and knowledge are constantly changing and BCBSNC reserves the right to review and revise its medical policies periodically.

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