Priority Health	BILLING POLICY No. 116
TRANSCUTANEOUS ELECTRICAL JOINT STIMULATION DEVICES	
Date of origin: July 11, 2025	**Review dates: None yet recorded**

APPLIES TO

- Commercial
- Medicare follows CMS unless otherwise specified
- Medicaid follows MDHHS unless otherwise specified

DEFINITION

This policy addresses the use of transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS) devices to treat pain.

TENS is a therapy that uses low voltage electrical current to provide pain relief. A TENS unit consists of a battery-powered device that delivers electrical impulses through electrodes placed on the skin surface. The electrodes are placed at or near nerves where the pain is located or at trigger points. It may be applied in a variety of settings (in the patient's home, a physician's office, or in an outpatient clinic).

MEDICAL POLICY

- Peripheral Nerve Stimulation (#91634)

FOR MEDICARE

For indications that don't meet criteria of NCD, local LCD or specific medical policy a Pre-Service Organization Determination (PSOD) will need to be completed. Get more information on PSOD in our Provider Manual.

POLICY SPECIFIC INFORMATION

Documentation requirements

Complete and thorough documentation to substantiate the procedure performed is the responsibility of the provider. In addition, the provider should consult any specific documentation requirements that are necessary of any applicable defined guidelines.

Coding guidelines

HCPCS code E0762 for the transcutaneous electrical joint stimulation device

HCPCS code A4465 is used for replacement only of any wrap/strap used to position and hold electrodes used with TEJSD in place.

- Use of this code for replacement of wraps/straps used with a brace is incorrect coding.

HCPCS code A4595 is the supply allowance which includes the following:

- electrodes (any type)
- conductive paste or gel (if needed, depending on the type of electrode),
- tape or other adhesive (if needed, depending on the type of electrode),
- adhesive remover
- skin preparation materials
- batteries (any type, single use or rechargeable)
- battery charger (if rechargeable batteries are used).

One unit of service includes all necessary supplies for one month's prescribed use of the device.

Separate billing for individual supplies is considered unbundling.

Use one unit of service (A4557) for lead wires going to two electrodes.

Modifiers
Priority Health follows standard billing and coding guidelines which include CMS NCCI. Modifiers should be applied when applicable based on this guidance and only when supported by documentation.

Incorrect application of modifiers will result in denials. The modifier list below may not be an all-inclusive list. Get more information about modifier use in our Provider Manual.

Place of service
Coverage will be considered for services furnished in the appropriate setting to the patient's medical needs and condition. Authorization may be required. Get more information in our Provider Manual.

Reimbursement rates
Find reimbursement rates for the codes listed on this page in our standard fee schedules for your contract. See our fee schedules (login required).

DISCLAIMER
Priority Health's billing policies outline our guidelines to assist providers in accurate claim submissions and define reimbursement or coding requirements if the service is covered by a Priority Health member's benefit plan. The determination of visits, procedures, DME, supplies and other services or items for coverage under a member's benefit plan or authorization isn't being determined for reimbursement. Authorization requirements and medical necessity requirements appropriate to procedure, diagnosis and frequency are still required. We use Current Procedural Terminology (CPT), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and other defined medical coding guidelines for coding accuracy.

An authorization isn't a guarantee of payment when proper billing and coding requirements or adherence to our policies aren't followed. Proper billing and submission guidelines must be followed. We require industry standard, compliant codes defined by CPT, HCPCS and revenue codes for all claim submissions. CPT, HCPCPS, revenue codes, etc., can be reported only when the service has been performed and fully documented in the medical record to the highest level of specificity. Failure to document for services rendered or items supplied will result in a denial. To validate billing and coding accuracy, payment integrity pre- or post-claim reviews may be performed to prevent fraud, waste and abuse. Unless otherwise detailed in the policy, our billing policies apply to both participating and non-participating providers and facilities.

If guidelines detailed in government program regulations, defined in policies and contractual requirements aren't followed, Priority Health may:

- Reject or deny the claim
- Recover or recoup claim payment

An authorization on file for an item or services doesn't supersede coding, billing or reimbursement requirements.

These policies may be superseded by mandates defined in provider contracts or state, federal or CMS contracts or requirements. We make every effort to update our policies in a timely manner to align to these requirements or contracts. If there's a delay in implementation of a policy or requirement defined by state or federal law, as well as contract language, we reserve the right to recoup and/or recover claim

payments to the effective dates per our policy. We reserve the right to update policies when necessary. Our most current policy will be made available in our Provider Manual.

CHANGE / REVIEW HISTORY

Date	Revisions made