

TRANSCUTANEOUS ELECTRICAL NERVE STIMULATORS (TENS)

Service Authorization Required - Yes CMN Required: No

DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT MANUAL

COVERAGE AND LIMITATION CRITERIA AND POLICIES

EFFECTIVE: March 2007 REVISED: November 2023

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Indications and limitations of coverage and medical appropriateness:

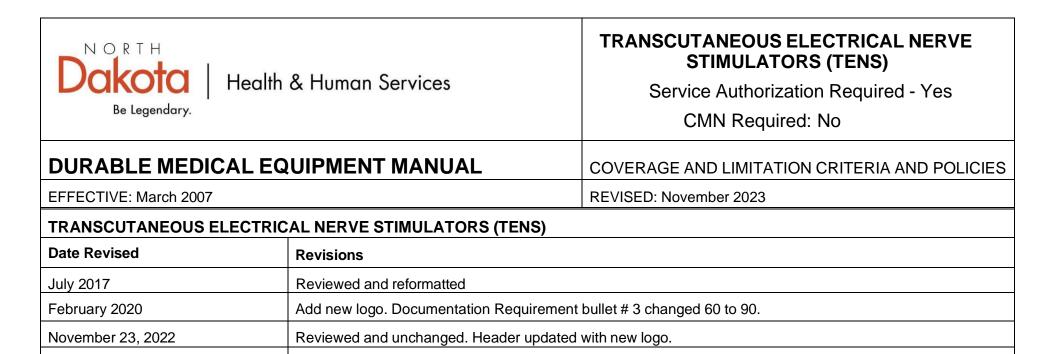
- 1. Required to **rent** a minimum of one month. This is considered the trial period.
 - If effective after the one-month trial rental period, the supplier can submit for purchase of the TENS unit and must provide documentation to support compliance and effective treatment.
 - All supplies are included during the rental period and will not be reimbursed separately. Includes electrodes, lead wires, batteries, etc.
 - Conductive paste or gel allowed if needed, and only with member owned equipment.
 - Limited to one every five years.

Supplies:

- Electrodes: two units per month.
- Lead Wires: only allowed for replacement if inoperable with maximum of one time per year.

Documentation Requirements:

- A prescription from prescribing physician/practitioner.
- Physician/practitioner exam within 90 days of the service authorization start date.
- Medical documentation supporting the need.



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November 17, 2023