

GuidePoint

Simplifying Reimbursement



Neuromodulation

Important: Diagnosis codes are utilized by both healthcare providers and facilities to report the clinical rationale for providing medically necessary services. The following is a [sample list](#) of diagnosis codes and medical policies regarding Spinal Cord Stimulator (SCS) procedures. An “X” signifies that the corresponding diagnosis code is included on the corresponding payer SCS medical policy. We encourage you to contact your payer for questions.

Dx Code ¹	Descriptor (covered, if criteria met)	Aetna	BCBS HCSC	Cigna	Health Net	Independ. BC	Wellcare	Wellpoint
337.20	Reflex sympathetic dystrophy, unspecified	X	X	X			X	X
337.22	Reflex sympathetic dystrophy of the lower limb	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
337.29	Reflex sympathetic dystrophy of other specified site	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
338.21	Chronic pain due to trauma						X	
338.28	Other chronic postoperative pain						X	
338.29	Other chronic pain		X					
355.71	Causalgia of lower limb				X	X	X	
355.8	Mononeuritis of lower limb, unspecified				X	X	X	
722.83	Postlaminectomy syndrome, lumbar region	X	X	X	X	X	X	
724.2	Lumbago		X					X
724.3	Sciatica		X		X	X		X
724.4	Thoracic or lumbosacral neuritis or radiculitis, unspecified		X		X	X		X
729.2	Neuralgia, neuritis, and radiculitis, unspecified		X		X			X
953.1	Injury to nerve roots and spinal plexus, dorsal root				X	X		
953.2	Injury to nerve roots and spinal plexus, lumbar root				X	X		

This is not a complete list of covered diagnosis codes accepted under the aforementioned SCS payer medical policies. To locate individual medical policies, please view the website addresses on the backside of this document or contact the payer.

Health Plan ²	Covered Lives*	Website Link to Medical Policy
Medicare	44.0 mil	http://www.cms.gov/mcd/indexes.asp?clickon=index
UnitedHealth Group ³	32.7 mil	
Wellpoint (Anthem; BCBS) ⁴	30.6 mil	http://www.anthem.com/ca/medicalpolicies/policies/mp_pw_a053357.htm
Aetna	16.3 mil	http://www.aetna.com/cpb/medical/data/100_199/0194.html
BCBS Health Care Service Corporation ⁵	12.2 mil	http://medicalpolicy.hcsc.net/medicalpolicy/disclaimer.do?corpEntCd=TX1#hlink
Cigna	9.9 mil	http://www.cigna.com/customer_care/healthcare_professional/coverage_positions/index.html
Humana	8.4 mil	http://www.humana.com/providers/clinical/coverage_policies.aspx
Health Net	6.1 mil	https://www.healthnet.com/static/general/unprotected/pdfs/national/policies/dorsal_column_stimulators_sep_10.pdf
Highmark ⁶	5.1 mil	https://secure.highmark.com/ldap/medicalpolicy/wpa-highmark/Z-7-024.html
EmblemHealth (GHI & HIP)	4.0 mil	http://www.emblemhealth.com/default.aspx?Page=12241
Medical Mutual of Ohio	3.9 mil	https://provider.medmutual.com/Tools_and_Resources/Care_Management/MedPolicies/Disclaimer.aspx
Wellcare Group of Companies	3.5 mil	http://www.wellcare.com/Provider/CCGs
Independent Blue Cross	3.4 mil	http://medpolicy.ibx.com/policies/MPI.nsf/InternetMedicalPoliciesByTitle!OpenView&Start=200&Count=200

* Atlanta Information Services (AIS), Inc: Commercial Health Plan Enrollment Statistics, Comparative 5 - Year Market Share, Trends and Data_2009_Covered lives in millions_ On this document, AIS ranking data is mixed and excludes health plans that may not provide easy access to medical policies via the web. Medicare Data: Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, 2007; 2006, 44,067,816 Medicare beneficiaries.

Boston Scientific Spinal Cord Stimulator System Indication For Use:

Boston Scientific's Spinal Cord Stimulator Systems are indicated as an aid in the management of chronic intractable pain of the trunk and/ or limbs, including unilateral or bilateral pain associated with the following: failed back surgery syndrome, intractable low back pain, and leg pain.

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Fax: (877) 835-2520
www.controlyourpain.com/preauthorization

¹ ICD-9-CM Diagnosis Code

² Some medical policies do not specify diagnosis codes

³ UnitedHealth Group currently doesn't have an SCS medical policy

⁴ Anthem plans utilize the same SCS medical policy SURG.00060. Anthem Plans: (BCBS) CO, CT, IN, KT, ME, MS, NV, NH, OH, Parts of VA, BC of CA

⁵ Plans HCSC: BCBS of IL, BCBS of NM, BCBS of OK and BCBS of TX plans utilize same medical policies

⁶ Highmark Plans: Highmark BCBS of Western Pennsylvania, Highmark Blue Shield of Eastern & Central Pennsylvania and Mountain State BCBS of West Virginia most plans utilize same medical policies

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