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Reference Guide to Payer Medical Policy for Spinal Cord Stimulation

Important: The following links to payer medical policies regarding Spinal Cord Stimulation (SCS) procedures are for informational purposes only. This guide is not necessarily a complete list of payers or related medical policies. Medical policy and criteria are updated by payer organizations periodically. Information provided below is subject to change without notice. Contact the payer directly for complete information.

Note: Covered indications and medical necessity criteria vary by payer policy. Always seek prior authorization and review the payer medical policy guidelines prior to scheduling SCS procedures.

Payer Name	Effective Date	Link to Spinal Cord Stimulation Medical Policy
Aetna	04/04/17	http://www.aetna.com/cpb/medical/data/100_199/0194.html
Amerihealth	10/01/16	http://medpolicy.amerhealth.com/policies/mpi.nsf/5ef0c3e395df1b85257662006da832/85256aa800623d7a8525802100529009!OpenDocument&Highlight=0,spinal,cord,stim
AvMed	07/31/14	https://www.avmed.org/documents/23406/48536/Implantable+Infusion+Pumps,+Spinal+Cord+Stimulators,+%26+Neuromusc+Stimulators.pdf/fa3afa8f-b78d-4be3-9934-45569db54e88
BCBS Alabama	04/01/16	https://www.bcbsal.org/providers/policies/final/328.pdf
BCBS Anthem (CA, CO, CT, GA, IN, KT, ME, MO, NH, NV, NY, OH, VA, WI)	12/28/16	http://www.anthem.com/medicalpolicies/policies/mp_pw_a053357.htm
BCBS Arizona	08/25/16	https://www.azblue.com/~media/azblue/files/healthcare/resources/medical%20coverage%20guidelines/surgery/o354.pdf
BCBS Arkansas	11/01/16	http://www.arkansasbluecross.com/members/report.aspx?policyNumber=1997208
BCBS Florida	01/01/17	http://mcgs.bcbsfl.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.main&format=cfm&doc=Spinal%20Cord%20Stimulation
BCBS Hawaii HMSA	02/27/15	http://www.hmsa.com/portal/provider/mm.06.013_spinal_cord_stimulators_for_pain_management_022715.pdf
BCBS HCSC (IL, NM, OK, TX)	09/15/16	http://www.medicalpolicy.hcsc.net/medicalpolicy/activePolicyPage?lid=ht6gie0w&corpEntCd=IL1 Click on Active Policies and search for 'Spinal Cord Stim'
BCBS Highmark DE	11/21/16	https://secure.highmark.com/ldap/medicalpolicy/delaware-commercial-medical-policy/Z-7-011.html
BCBS Highmark PA	11/21/16	https://secure.highmark.com/ldap/medicalpolicy/wpa-highmark/Z-7-037.html
BCBS Highmark WV	11/21/16	https://www.highmarkbcbswv.com/west-virginia-commercial-medical-policy/Z-7-031.html
BCBS Idaho	04/01/16	https://providers.bcidaho.com/medical-management/medical-policies/sur/mp_70125.page
BCBS Kansas	10/01/16	http://www.bcbsks.com/CustomService/Providers/MedicalPolicies/policies/policies/SpinalCordStimulation_2016-10-01.pdf
BCBS Kansas City	10/01/16	http://medicalpolicy.bluekc.com/MedPolicyLibrary/Surgery/Standard%20Surgery/10-16_7_Spinal_Cord_Stimulation.pdf
BCBS Louisiana	07/20/16	https://www.bcbsla.com/-/media/Medical-Policies/2017/04/27/20/09/SpinalCordStimulation.pdf
BCBS Massachusetts	01/01/16	http://www.bluecrossma.com/common/en_US/medical_policies/472%20Spinal%20Cord%20Stimulation%20prn.pdf
BCBS Michigan	01/01/07	http://www.bcbsm.com/mprApp/MedicalPolicyDocument?fileId=91845
BCBS Minnesota	02/01/16	https://www.bluecrossmnonline.com/minnesota-medical-policy/external-medical-policy/minnesota-medical-policy/IV-74-002.html

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BCBS Mississippi	09/30/2016	https://www.bcbsms.com/medical-policies.html
BCBS Montana	09/15/16	http://www.medicalpolicy.hcsc.net/medicalpolicy/activePolicyPage?lid=i8ycszsw&corpEntCd=MT1
BCBS Nebraska	2016	https://www.nebraskablue.com/~media/pdf/provider/forms/stimulation-surgery-smartsheets/spinalcordstimulatorsinsertion.pdf?la=en
BCBS New Jersey Horizon	11/01/16	https://services3.horizon-bcbsnj.com/hcm/MedPol2.nsf/MedicalPolicies/TKEN-6RP5D8
BCBS New York Empire	12/28/16	http://www.empireblue.com/medicalpolicies/policies/mp_pw_a053357.htm
BCBS New York-Excellus	10/20/16	https://www.excellusbcbs.com/wps/wcm/connect/b50f05b7-7917-4191-8dd4-76f298238710/mp+spin_cord_stim+tac+14.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CACHEID=b50f05b7-7917-4191-8dd4-76f298238710
BS New York-NE	07/01/15	https://securews.bsny.com/web/content/dam/COMMON/Provider/Protocols/S/prov_prot_70125.pdf
BCBS New York-W	07/01/15	https://securews.bcbswny.com/web/content/dam/COMMON/Provider/Protocols/S/prov_prot_70125.pdf
BCBS North Carolina	12/30/15	http://www.bcbsnc.com/assets/services/public/pdfs/medicalpolicy/spinal_cord_stimulation.pdf
BCBS North Carolina-Medicare	12/16/15	http://www.bcbsnc.com/assets/services/public/pdfs/bluemedicare/medicalpolicy/electrical_stim_spinal_cord.pdf
BCBS North Dakota	08/01/16	https://bb.thor.org/BulletinBoard/ViewFile.aspx?param=Bulletins%5cBlue_Cross_Blue_Shield_ND_Medical_Policy%5cSpinal_Cord_Stimulation.htm
BC PA Capital	03/01/17	https://www.capbluecross.com/wps/wcm/connect/4b6d616c-8c26-4647-83dd-c715ed5bd28a/Spinal_Cord_Stimulation_12-1-14.pdf?MOD=AJPERES
BC PA Independence	10/01/16	http://medpolicy.ibx.com/policies/mpi.nsf/iSearchResultsAllByTitleBC/85256AA800623D7A8525802100529009!OpenDocument
BC PA Northeastern	10/01/13	https://www.bcnepa.com/Providers/providerrelations/PolicyFile.ashx?id=1811
BC Premera (AK, WA)	05/01/16	https://www.premera.com/medicalpolicies/7.01.546.pdf
BCBS Rhode Island	03/05/13	https://bcbsri.com/sites/default/files/polices/Spinal_Cord_Stimulation.pdf
BCBS South Carolina	01/01/17	http://www.cam-policies.com/internet/cmpd/cmp/mdclplcy.nsf/DispContent/A4BB5C05CE571BA285257177004C002C?OpenDocument
BCBS Tennessee	11/23/16	http://www.bcbst.com/mpmanual/spinal_cord_stimulation_for_treatment_of_pain.htm
BCBS Vermont	11/06/07	http://www.bcbsvt.com/wps/wcm/connect/32189109-361b-4ff5-b820-95ef538df959/Medical_Equipment_DME_Prosthetics_and_Orthotics.pdf?MOD=AJPERES
BCBS Wellmark (IA, SD)	09/01/15	http://www.wellmark.com/Provider/MedPoliciesAndAuthorizations/MedicalPolicies/policies/Spinal_Cord_Stimulation.aspx
BCBS Wyoming	04/01/16	https://bb.thor.org/Bulletins/Blue_Cross_Blue_Shield_WY_Medical_Policy/Spinal_Cord_Stimulation.htm
Blue Shield California	06/01/16	https://www.blueshieldca.com/provider/content_assets/documents/download/public/bscpolicy/Spinal_Crd_Stim.pdf
Blue Shield Regence (WA, ID, OR, UT)	04/01/17	http://blue.regence.com/trgmedpol/surgery/sur45.pdf
Cigna	01/25/17	https://www.evicore.com/CignaClinicalGuidelines/eviCore%20Final%20CMM-211%20Spinal%20Cord%20and%20Implantable%20Peripheral%20Nerve%20Stimulators.pdf
Federal Employee Program (FEP) BCBS	07/15/16	http://www.fepblue.org/en/benefit-plans/benefit-plans-brochures-and-forms/medical-policies/Search for "Spinal Cord Stimulation"
Group Health Cooperative	08/02/16	https://provider.ghc.org/all-sites/clinical/criteria/pdf/spinal_cord_stimulator_for_pain.pdf
Health Net	07/01/16	https://www.healthnet.com/portal/common/content/iwc/common/unprotected/medical_policies/medical_policies.action

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Health Partners	01/24/17	https://www.healthpartners.com/public/coverage-criteria/scs.htm
Humana	01/01/17	http://apps.humana.com/tad/tad_new/Search.aspx?searchtype=beginswith&docbegin=S&policyType=medical Click on "Spinal Cord Stimulators"
Medica Health	09/01/16	https://www.medica.com/-/media/documents/provider/utilization-management-policies/iii_dev_23-um-policy.pdf?la=en
Medicare – First Coast (FL, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands) LCD #L36035	10/01/16	http://medicare.fcso.com/Fee_lookup/LCDDisplay.asp?id=L36035
Medicare – Noridian JE (CA, NV, HI) LCD #L35136	10/01/16	https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/details/lcd-details.aspx?LCDId=35136&ver=18&Date=04%2f13%2f2017&DocID=L35136&SearchType=Advanced&bc=KAAAABAAAAAAA%3d%3d&
Medicare- Noridian JF (AK, AZ, ID, MT, WY, ND, OR, SD, UT, and WA) LCD#L36204	10/1/16	https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/details/lcd-details.aspx?LCDId=36204&ver=9&Date=03%2f07%2f2017&DocID=L36204&SearchType=Advanced&bc=KAAAABAAAAAAA%3d%3d&
Medicare – Novitas JH (AR, CO, LA, MS, NM, OK, TX, Indian HS, Veterans Affairs) LCD #L35450	10/01/16	https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/details/lcd-details.aspx?LCDId=35450&ver=24&Date=04%2f13%2f2017&DocID=L35450&SearchType=Advanced&bc=KAAAABAAAAAAA%3d%3d&
Medicare – Novitas JL (DC, DE, MD, NJ, PA) LCD #L35450	10/01/16	https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/details/lcd-details.aspx?LCDId=35450&ver=24&name=331*1&UpdatePeriod=698&bc=AQAAEAAAAAAA%3d%3d&
Medicare – Palmetto GBA (NC, SC, VA, WV) LCD #L34556	11/17/16	https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/details/lcd-details.aspx?LCDId=34556&ver=10&Date=03%2f10%2f2017&DocID=L34556&SearchType=Advanced&bc=KAAAABAAAAAAA%3d%3d&
Medicare National Coverage Determination NCD 160.7	08/07/95	http://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/details/ncd-details.aspx?NCDId=240&ncdver=1&CoverageSelection=Both&ArticleType=All&PolicyType=Final&s=All&KeyWord=electrical+nerve+stim&KeyWordLookUp=Title&KeyWordSearchType=And&bc=gAAAAABAAAAAAA%3d%3d&
Tricare	02/01/08	http://manuals.tricare.osd.mil/pages/DisplayManualFile.aspx?Manual=TP08&Change=159&Type=AsOf&Filename=C4520_1.PDF&highlight=xml%3dhttp%3a%2f%2fmanuals.tricare.osd.mil%2fpages%2fPdfHighlighter.aspx%3fDocId%3d46796%26Index%3dD%253a%255cIndex%255cTP08%26HitCount%3d21%26hits%3d12e%2b12f%2b133%2b201%2b2c9%2b2cd%2b2db%2b311%2b332%2b333%2b335%2b380%2b391%2b3a8%2b3c0%2b3c1%2b492%2b4bd%2b4be%2b550%2b5dc%2b
Tufts Health Plan	07/20/16	http://www.tuftshealthplan.com/providers/pdf/mng/spinal_cord_stim.pdf
Unicare	12/28/16	http://www.unicare.com/medicalpolicies/policies/mp_pw_a053357.htm
United Healthcare (UHC)	04/01/17	https://www.unitedhealthcareonline.com/ccmcontent/ProviderII/UHC/en-US/Assets/ProviderStaticFiles/ProviderStaticFilesPdf/Tools%20and%20Resources/Policies%20and%20Protocols/Medical%20Policies/Medical%20Policies/Implanted_Electrical_Stimulator_for_Spinal_Cord.pdf
United Healthcare (UHC) – Medicare	04/01/17	https://www.unitedhealthcareonline.com/ccmcontent/ProviderII/UHC/en-US/Assets/ProviderStaticFiles/ProviderStaticFilesPdf/Tools%20and%20Resources/Policies%20and%20Protocols/Medical%20Policies/Medical%20Policies/Implanted_Electrical_Stimulator_for_Spinal_Cord.pdf Copy and paste link into browser
Wellcare	08/06/15	www.wellcare.com/Florida/Providers/Clinical-Guidelines/CCGs/CCG-List click on Spinal Cord Stimulation, Implanted HS-115

<http://www.bostonscientific.com/en-US/reimbursement/neuromodulation.html>

Precision Plus™, Precision Spectra™, Precision Novi™ and Precision Montage™ MRI Spinal Cord Stimulator Systems Indication for Use:

The Boston Scientific Neuromodulation Spinal Cord Stimulator (SCS) 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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