

2015 Quick Reference Guide – Neuromodulation Outpatient Hospital 2015

Coding and Payment Guide for Medicare Reimbursement: The following are the 2015 Medicare coding and national payment rates for Spinal Cord Stimulation (SCS) procedures performed in the outpatient hospital setting. Comprehensive Ambulatory Payment Classification (C-APCs) are effective for services performed in an Outpatient Hospital beginning January 1, 2015. A C-APC is a single all-inclusive payment for a primary device dependent service and all adjunct services provided to support the delivery of the primary service. Rates referenced in these guides do not reflect sequestration, automatic reductions in federal spending that will result in a 2% across-the-board reduction to ALL Medicare rates as of January 1, 2015.

CPT® ¹	Description	APC ²	Status Indicator ^{3,4,5}	National Average Payment ⁶
Trial Payment Scenarios				
Single Percutaneous Lead Trial (C-APC)				
63650	Percutaneous implantation of neurostimulator electrode array, epidural	0061	J1	\$5,291
Dual Percutaneous Lead Trial (C-APC)				
63650	Percutaneous implantation of neurostimulator electrode array, epidural	0061	J1	\$5,291
63650	Percutaneous implantation of neurostimulator electrode array, epidural	0061	J1	Included in C-APC
Single Paddle Lead Trial (C-APC)				
63655	Laminectomy for implantation of neurostimulator electrodes, plate/paddle, epidural	0039	J1	\$17,106
System Implant Payment Scenarios				
Single Percutaneous Lead System Implant (C-APC)				
63685	Insertion or replacement of spinal neurostimulator pulse generator or receiver, direct or inductive coupling	0318	J1	\$26,162
63650	Percutaneous implantation of neurostimulator electrode array, epidural	0061	J1	Included in C-APC
Dual Percutaneous Lead System Implant (C-APC)				
63685	Insertion or replacement of spinal neurostimulator pulse generator or receiver, direct or inductive coupling	0318	J1	\$26,162
63650	Percutaneous implantation of neurostimulator electrode array, epidural	0061	J1	Included in C-APC
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Single Paddle Lead System Implant (C-APC)				
63685	Insertion or replacement of spinal neurostimulator pulse generator or receiver, direct or inductive coupling	0318	J1	\$26,162
63655	Laminectomy for implantation of neurostimulator electrodes, plate/paddle, epidural	0039	J1	Included in C-APC
Revision Codes (Part of C-APC when billed with codes having status indicator J1)				
63663	Revision including replacement, when performed, of spinal neurostimulator electrode percutaneous array(s), including fluoroscopy, when performed	0061	J1	\$5,291
63664	Revision including replacement, when performed, of spinal neurostimulator electrode plate/paddle(s) placed via laminotomy or laminectomy, including fluoroscopy, when performed	0061	J1	\$5,291
63688	Revision or removal of implanted spinal neurostimulator pulse generator or receiver	0688	Q2	\$2,129
Removal Codes (Part of C-APC when billed with codes having status indicator J1)				
63661	Removal of spinal neurostimulator electrode percutaneous array(s), including fluoroscopy, when performed	0220	Q2	\$1,384
63662	Removal of spinal neurostimulator electrode plate/paddle(s) placed via laminotomy or laminectomy, including fluoroscopy, when performed	0688	Q2	\$2,129
63688	Revision or removal of implanted spinal neurostimulator pulse generator or receiver	0688	Q2	\$2,129

CPT and HCPCS II Device Code Associations^{1,7,8}

CPT ^{®1}	HCPCS	Descriptor
63650, 63655 63663, 63664	C1778	Lead, neurostimulator (implantable)
63685	C1820	Generator, neurostimulator (implantable), with rechargeable battery and charging system
NA	C1787	Patient programmer, neurostimulator
NA	C1883	Adaptor/extension, pacing lead or neurostimulator lead (implantable)

Neurostimulator Analysis & Programming: The AMA CPT has defined simple intraoperative or subsequent programming of neurostimulator pulse generator with code 95971 when there are changes to three or fewer of the following parameters: rate, pulse amplitude, pulse duration, pulse frequency, eight or more electrode contacts, cycling, stimulation train duration, train spacing, number of programs, number of channels, alternating electrode polarities, dose time, or more than one clinical feature. Complex intraoperative or subsequent programming is defined as changes to more than three of the parameters above (codes 95972-95973).⁹

CPT ^{®1}	Description	APC ²	Status Indicator ^{3,4,5}	National Average Payment ⁶
95971	Electronic analysis of implanted neurostimulator pulse generator system (e.g., rate, pulse amplitude and duration, configuration of wave form, battery status, electrode selectability, output modulation, cycling, impedance and patient compliance measurements); simple spinal cord, or peripheral (i.e., peripheral nerve, sacral nerve, neuromuscular) neurostimulator pulse generator/transmitter, with intraoperative or subsequent programming	0692	S	\$128
95972	Electronic analysis of implanted neurostimulator pulse generator system (e.g., rate, pulse amplitude and duration, configuration of wave form, battery status, electrode selectability, output modulation, cycling, impedance and patient compliance measurements); complex spinal cord, or peripheral (i.e., peripheral nerve, sacral nerve, neuromuscular) (except cranial nerve) neurostimulator pulse generator/transmitter, with intraoperative or subsequent programming, up to one hour	0692	S	\$128
95973	Electronic analysis of implanted neurostimulator pulse generator system (eg, rate, pulse amplitude, pulse duration, configuration of wave form, battery status, electrode selectability, output modulation, cycling, impedance and patient compliance measurements); complex spinal cord, or peripheral (ie, peripheral nerve, sacral nerve, neuromuscular) (except cranial nerve) neurostimulator pulse generator/transmitter, with intraoperative or subsequent programming, each additional 30 minutes after first hour (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)	-	N	-

Medicare Local Coverage Determinations^{10,11}

Medicare has a long-standing NCD (160.7) for Electrical Nerve Stimulators (e.g., SCS). In addition to the NCD criteria, some Medicare contractors may require additional SCS coverage criteria through local coverage determinations (LCD). Please check with your local contractor. In the absence of an LCD, Medicare contractors will follow the NCD.

Palmetto GBA (NC, SC, VA, WV)	http://www.palmettogba.com/medicare	LCD #L32549
Novitas JH (AR, CO, LA, MS, NM, OK, TX, Indian HS, Veterans Affairs)	http://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJH	LCD #L34705
Novitas JL (DC, DE, MD, NJ, PA)	http://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL	LCD #L34705
Noridian JE (CA, NV, HI)	https://med.noridianmedicare.com	LCD #L33489
First Coast (FL, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands)	http://medicare.fcso.com	LCD #DL35648

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- 42 CFR Parts 411, 412, 416, 419, 422, 423, and 424 [CMS-1613-FC]
- S: Procedure or Service, Not Discounted When Multiple
N: Items and Services Packaged into APC Rates. Payment is packaged into payment for other services. Therefore, there is no separate APC payment.
- J1: Hospital Part B services paid through a comprehensive APC.
- O2: T-packaged codes. Paid under OPPS when services are separately payable. Packaged APC payment if billed on the same date of service as HCPCS code assigned status indicator "T" Significant procedure, multiple surgical reduction applies.
- 2015 Medicare National Average payment rates, unadjusted for wage. "National Average Payment" is the amount Medicare determines to be the maximum allowance for any Medicare covered procedure. Actual payment will vary based on the maximum allowance less any applicable deductibles, co-insurance etc.
- Medicare device edits link: http://www.cms.gov/HospitalOutpatientPPS/O2_device_procedure.asp. Please verify with local payers for specific device coding requirements.
- C-codes are required for billing Medicare outpatient procedures with the applicable CPT codes, but are not separately payable by Medicare.
- AMA_CPT 2015 coding book; pg 617
- Medicare National Coverage Determination (NCD) for Electrical Nerve Stimulators (160.7) Publication Number 100-3, Manual Section Number 160.7.
- List of local Medicare contractors is not an exhaustive list. LCD Link: <http://www.cms.gov/mcd/indexes.asp?clickon=index> (Search: Spinal Cord Stimulators).

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