

Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulation (TENS) Unit

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Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulation (TENS) Unit - Criteria

A transcutaneous electric nerve stimulation (TENS) unit is a medical device that sends electrical currents to affect pain signals, resulting in pain relief.

HCPCS Codes

E0720, E0730, A4557, A4595 , K1023

2 Lead TENS Unit

HCPCS Codes (E0720, A4557, A4595)

A 2 lead TENS unit is indicated when **either**:

- The individual has acute post-operative pain and **both** of the following:
 - There have been 30 days or less since surgery
 - The TENS unit will be used in addition to or in place of medication
- The individual has chronic intractable pain other than low back pain and **all** of the following:
 - The pain has lasted at least 3 months
 - Other standard treatments have been tried and failed
 - A 30 day trial period has taken place

4 Lead TENS Unit

HCPCS Codes (E0730, A4557, A4595)

A 4 lead TENS unit is indicated when **either**:

- The individual has acute post-operative pain and **all** of the following:
 - There have been 30 days or less since surgery
 - The TENS unit will be used in addition to or in place of medication
 - There is a medical reason why a 2 lead unit cannot meet the individual's needs
- The individual has chronic intractable pain other than low back pain and **all** of the following:

- The pain has lasted at least 3 months
- Other standard treatments have been tried and failed
- A 30 day trial period has taken place
- There is a medical reason why a 2 lead unit cannot meet the individual's needs

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