

PROVIDER BULLETIN

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TOPIC: Percutaneous Neuromodulation Therapy (PNT)

Percutaneous Neuromodulation Therapy is a procedure that employs special needles temporally positioned in the soft tissues or muscles for electrical stimulation of peripheral sensory nerves for the purpose of reducing chronic pain.

The Division's Medical Commission clinical sub panel met on September 29, 2007 to review this treatment modality. Multiple sources were referenced during deliberations on the nature and efficacy of this procedure. There is no clinical evidence in the medical literature to support any claimed superiority over other recognized forms of treatment for reducing pain and improving function. Significantly, the FDA has not yet recognized PNT. Therefore, the panel's consensus recommendation to the Division of Workers' Safety and Compensation is that it not regard PNT as a proven effective therapy.

Division Coverage Decision

At this time, the Division will not reimburse Health Care Providers for percutaneous neuromodulation therapy.

The Division will monitor future medical literature which could lead to change regarding this coverage decision.

If you have any questions, please contact the preauthorization unit at 307-777-3630.

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