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TOPIC: Intrathecal Drug Delivery Systems

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Based on review of the current literature, intrathecal drug delivery systems will not be authorized by the Division based on the Wyoming Workers' Compensation Rules & Regulations, Chapter 1, Section 4. (a) Medically Necessary. "Medically necessary treatment" means those health services for a compensable injury that are reasonable and necessary for the diagnosis and cure or significant relief of a condition consistent with any applicable treatment parameter."

Review of the literature shows:

- There are no randomized, double blind, controlled trials available.
- Complication rates and side effects raise questions of risk-benefit balance.
- Even when pain relief was reported, there was little evidence of functional improvement.

