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Peripheral Nerve Blocks Non-covered for the Treatment of Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathic Pain (A56034)

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The effective date of this article corresponds to the effective date of the JE Part A and Part B Nerve Blockade for Treatment of Chronic Pain and Neuropathy of 10/01/2015. LCD L35456 states; "Nerve blockade and/or electrical stimulation are non-covered for the treatment of metabolic peripheral neuropathy. The peer-reviewed medical literature has not demonstrated the efficacy or clinical utility of nerve blockade or electrical stimulation, alone or used together, in the diagnosis and/or treatment of neuropathic pain."

The use of peripheral nerve blocks for treating diabetic neuropathy is not considered reasonable and/or necessary and is not covered by Medicare Part A or B. Such use of peripheral nerve blocks is not supported by the current peer reviewed, published, evidence based scientific literature nor by specialty society guidelines. Claims are subject to review and recoupment.

This notification does not affect those regional/local blocks done as part of an operative procedure (for example wound debridement in the operating room) when performed as an adjunct to or the sole means of regional/local anesthesia for the procedure.

Sources:

2. American Family Physician 2010;82(2):151-158 T. Lindsay, B. Rodgers, V. Savath, K. Hettinger Treating Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathic Pain

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