

JF PRIOR AUTHORIZATION CHECKLIST – IMPLANTED SPINAL NEUROSTIMULATORS

This checklist is intended to provide healthcare providers with a reference for use when responding to documentation requests for this service. It is not intended to replace the published guidelines or policy.

Policy Reference

- [LCD Policy \(L35136\) - Spinal Cord Stimulators for Chronic Pain](#)
- [Billing and Coding Article \(A57791\) - Spinal Cord Stimulators for Chronic Pain](#)

Documentation Reference

- [Implanted Spinal Neurostimulators - JF Part A](#)
- [Spinal Neurostimulator Implantation - JF Part A](#)
- [Part A Prior Authorization Request Coversheet](#)

General Documentation Requirements

- Documentation is for the correct beneficiary and date of service.
- Indicate if the request is for trial or permanent.
- Documentation supports patient has been evaluated by a multidisciplinary team prior to implantation.
 - In-person physical examination supporting a condition requiring treatment
 - Psychological examination
- Documentation must support patient does not have an active substance abuse issue.
- Documentation must support proper patient education, discussion and disclosure including an extensive discussion of the risk and benefits of this therapy.
- Treatments trialed and failed to support the spinal cord stimulator is a late option.

Permanent Implantation Requirements

For permanent placement include all the above documentation as well as:

- Documentation to support a successful trial.