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# Clinician Checklist
## Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulators (TENS) Conductive Garment

**Policy References:** Local Coverage Determination Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulators (TENS) (L33802) and Policy Article (A52520)

**Documentation References:** Standard Documentation Requirements Policy Article (PA) A55426

The treating clinician must complete the following items:

- ☐ Standard Written Order (SWO)
- ☐ Medical record documentation requirements (see below)

### Medical Documentation

One of the medical indications outlined below must be met if ordering a conductive garment to be used with a Medicare covered TENS unit.

- ☐ The beneficiary cannot manage without the conductive garment because:
  - ☐ There is such a large area or so many sites to be stimulated **and**
  - ☐ The stimulation would have to be delivered so frequently that it is not feasible to use conventional electrodes, adhesive tapes, and lead wires.
- ☐ The beneficiary cannot manage without the conductive garment for the treatment of chronic intractable pain because the areas or sites to be stimulated are inaccessible with the use of conventional electrodes, adhesive tapes, and lead wires.
- ☐ The beneficiary has a documented medical condition, such as skin problems, that preclude the application of conventional electrodes, adhesive tapes, and lead wires.
- ☐ The beneficiary requires electrical stimulation beneath a cast to treat chronic intractable pain.