

Policy Name	Conductive Gels or Paste
<p>Summary</p>	<p>Conductive gels or paste for use with a TENS unit or NMES unit or ultrasound devices is not a separately billable/reimbursable item, regardless of place of service.</p> <p>When submitted, the following denial reasons will occur =</p> <p>Commercial and Medicare products will have this item deny as included in primary service (provider liability) in clinic and facility POS other than home, nursing facility, and custodial care. The item will deny as non-covered service (member liability) when the POS is home, nursing facility, and custodial care.</p> <p>Medica Choice CareSM, MinnesotaCare, and Medica DUAL SolutionTM products will have this item deny as included in primary service (provider liability) in POS other than home, nursing facility, and custodial care. The item will deny as not eligible charge, don't bill member (provider liability) when the POS is home, nursing facility, and custodial care.</p>
<p>Definitions</p>	<p>NMES – neuromuscular electrical stimulation POS – place of service PRA – provider remittance advice TENS – transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation</p>
<p>Related Coding Information</p>	<p>A4558 – conductive gel or paste, for use with electrical device (e.g., TENS, NMES), per ounce</p> <p>A4559 – Coupling gel or paste, for use with ultrasound device, per ounce (effective 1/1/07)</p>

Resources

- Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS)

Effective Date

April 1, 2007

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