



Subject: Pulsed Electrical Stimulation for Arthritis
(BioniCare® System)*

Effective Date: October 23, 2012

Department(s): Utilization Management

Policy: Pulsed electrical stimulation for arthritic conditions(**HCPCS-E0762**), including but not limited to knee osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis of the hand, is not reimbursable under Plans administered by QualCare, Inc.

Objective: To provide proper and consistent reimbursement and to define the indications for a specific type of therapy.

Procedure: Requests for pulsed electrical stimulation (BioniCare®System; J-Stim 100) will be denied. There is insufficient documentation in the peer reviewed literature of safety and efficacy. It is therefore deemed experimental, investigational, or unproven.

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*Consistent with Summary Plan Description (SPD). When there is discordance between this policy and the SPD, the provisions of the SPD prevail.