

URINARY SYSTEM

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I. CPT¹ PROCEDURE CODES

50010 - 50541, 50543 - 53899

II. DESCRIPTION

The urinary system involves those organs concerned in the production and excretion of urine.

III. POLICY

A. Services and supplies required in the diagnosis and treatment of illness or injury involving the urinary system are covered.

B. Benefits may be considered for the implantation of similar FDA approved devices. The sacral nerve root stimulation (SNS) has received FDA approval. Services and supplies related to the implantation of the SNS may be covered for individuals with urge incontinence, nonobstructive urinary retention, or symptoms of urgency-frequency syndrome that is not due to a neurologic condition, who have failed previous conservative treatments, and who have had a successful peripheral nerve evaluation test.

C. The use of a bedwetting alarm for the treatment of primary nocturnal enuresis may be considered for cost sharing when prescribed by a physician and after physical or organic causes for nocturnal enuresis have been ruled out.

IV. EXCLUSIONS

A. Peri-urethral Teflon injection.

B. Silastic gel implant.

C. Acrylic prosthesis (Berry prosthesis).

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D. Bladder stimulators, direct or indirect, such as spinal cord, rectal and vaginal electrical stimulators, or bladder wall stimulators. Payment for any related service or supply, including inpatient hospitalization primarily for surgical implementation of a bladder stimulator.

E. Cryotherapy for ablation of renal cell carcinoma (CPT² procedure code 50542 unproven).

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