

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES  
HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION  
Olympia, Washington**

**To:** Occupational Therapists  
Managed Care Organizations

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**Subject: Occupational Therapy Program: Discontinued Coverage of TENS Devices**

**Retroactive to dates of service on and after February 1, 2010**, the Department of Social and Health Services (the Department) discontinued coverage of transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS) devices and related supplies for independent in-home use.

This memo also reminds providers of the requirement to complete ProviderOne registration.

### **Noncovered Equipment and Supplies**

**Retroactive to dates of service on and after February 1, 2010**, the Department no longer covers TENS devices for independent in-home use. The Department has also removed the following sentence from the bulleted list under “HRSA covers the following services per client, per calendar year:” on page C.1 in the current *Occupational Therapy Billing Instructions*: “

**Note:** Providers may request an exception for noncovered services when an eligible client’s clinical needs are different than the rest of the population (WAC 388-501-0160). For an exception to rule request (ETR) for TENS units and/or related supplies, use HRSA Exception to Rule Request, TENS Unit and Associated Accessories form, DSHS 13-882. You may view/download the DSHS forms on the Department/HRSA web site at <http://www.dshs.wa.gov/msa/forms/eforms.html>.

## Coverage Table Update

**Retroactive to dates of services on and after February 1, 2010**, DSHS no longer covers the following procedure code and removed it from the Coverage Table in the *Occupational Therapy Program Billing Instructions*:

Noncovered Procedure Code	Brief Description
64550	Apply neurostimulator

## ProviderOne Registration

To continue to receive payment, providers must complete ProviderOne registration to prepare for ProviderOne implementation. Specific instructions and resources are available at <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/providerone/providers.htm>.

## How Do I Conduct Business Electronically With DSHS?

You may conduct business electronically with DSHS by accessing the WAMedWeb at <http://wamedweb.acs-inc.com>.

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