

QUESTIONNAIRE #9
Transcutaneous (TENS) or Neuromuscular Electrical Nerve Stimulator (NMES)

Client Name:		Colorado Medicaid ID #:	
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Height:		Weight:	
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TENS or NMES is an acceptable treatment modality for some types of chronic intractable pain. Generally, a physician should be able to assess whether or not a client is likely to derive a significant therapeutic benefit from continuous use of a TENS or NMES unit within a trial period of 2 months.

The information requested below is required to determine medical necessity for trial period and continued use beyond the trial period. After you have completed this form, attach it to the completed Prior Authorization Request (PAR).

1) What is the complete diagnosis with complicating factors:	
2) List used or prescribed analgesics (drug/dose/route/frequency) prior to using TENS or NMES.	
3) Provision of a TENS unit is considered the final alternative in pain management. Explain the trigger point, traction, drug, and/or if appropriate, include the clinical results of each. This information is required to establish medical necessity. Failure to respond fully will result in denial of your request.	
4) Identify any of the above medications that were reduced/discontinued dosage/frequency as a result of the use of TENS or NMES:	
5) If this is a convert to purchase request during the trial period, did the TENS or NMES:	<input type="checkbox"/> Produce no relief <input type="checkbox"/> Produce greater discomfort than the original pain <input type="checkbox"/> Significantly alleviate pain
6) If unit is to be used on a contracted extremity, describe how this will be useful in addressing client's needs.	
7) Please supply any additional information that will assist us in determining medical necessity for this request:	

Print Prescriber Name _____

Prescriber Signature _____ Date _____