

#### Hypoglossal nerve stimulator — adolescents with Down syndrome

We provide coverage for this procedure for members ages 10 through 21 who have Down syndrome and meet medical necessity criteria. Submit authorization requests through the e-referral system.

The submitter will receive a prompt to complete a questionnaire to determine the appropriateness of the requested service. The questions are listed below.

If all questions are answered, e-referral will either approve or pend the case. If the case pends and we cannot authorize it, we will contact the provider for additional clinical information. Authorization is not a guarantee of payment.

Payment is based on established claim edits. We may retrospectively monitor compliance with authorization requirements.

Applicable procedure codes: \*64568

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See below for the questions you'll encounter in the e-referral system.

**Q** Does the patient have obstructive sleep apnea?

**A**

Possible answers:  Yes  No  N/A

**Q** Did the patient have an adenotonsillectomy? A. Apnea hypopnea index (AHI) greater than 10 and less than 50. B. Total number of central and mixed apneas are less than 25% of the total AHI following adenotonsillectomy.

**A**

Possible answers:  Yes  No  N/A

**Q** Did the patient have a sleep study which showed BOTH (A and B)? A. Apnea hypopnea index (AHI) greater than 10 and less than 50. B. Total number of central and mixed apneas are less than 25% of the total AHI following adenotonsillectomy.

**A**

Possible answers:  Yes  No  N/A



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**Q** Does the patient have either of the following (A or B)? A. Tracheostomy. B. Ineffective treatment with CPAP due to noncompliance, discomfort, undesirable side effects, persistent symptoms despite compliant use or refusal to use the device.

**A**

Possible answers:  Yes  No  N/A

**Q** Is the patient's body mass index (BMI) at the 95th percentile or lower for age?

**A**

Possible answers:  Yes  No  N/A

**Q** Did the patient have a drug-induced sleep endoscopy that showed non-concentric retropalatal obstruction?

**A**

Possible answers:  Yes  No  N/A

**Q** Does the patient have one of the following conditions (A-F)? A. Any anatomical finding that would compromise the performance of the device. B. Any condition or procedure that has compromised neurological control of the upper airway. C. Patient is unable or does not have the necessary assistance to operate the sleep remote. D. Patient is pregnant or plans to become pregnant. E. Patient requires magnetic resonance imaging (this does not apply to a model that is MR compatible). F. Patient has an implantable device that may be susceptible to unintended interaction with the device. NOTE: If the member does not have one of the above conditions you MUST select no.

**A**

Possible answers:  Yes  No