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TOPIC: Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulators (TENS)

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According to the Wyoming Workers' Compensation Rules, Regulations and Fee Schedules, Chapter 9. Section 4. **Fees for Supplies, Implants, Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Orthotics and Prosthetics.** "The Division adopts the Wyoming Medicare rate of the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) for the payment of supplies, DME, orthotics and prosthetic devices...".

Based on review of the current literature, including the Medicare system for payment of supplies, the Medical Commission has adopted these guidelines as follows:

1. Must be prescribed by the provider.
2. The provider must document when 4 leads are required and indicate why 2 leads are insufficient to meet the claimant's needs.
3. If the provider does not indicate that 4 leads are necessary with the prescription, the Division will only pay for 2 leads and subsequent supplies.
4. Suppliers must contact the claimant prior to dispensing any refill for supplies and not automatically ship on a predetermined basis, even if authorized by the claimant.
5. The supplier must document the date that the claimant was contacted and the supplier representative making the contact.
6. Reasonable and necessary utilization of supplies includes:
 - For 2 TENS leads – a maximum of one unit monthly (A4595)
 - For 4 TENS leads – a maximum of 2 units monthly (A4595)
 - Replacement of lead wires on an annual basis
 - Documentation of the medical necessity must be present for use of a conductive garment.

