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Title: NCD - Sensory Nerve Conduction Threshold Test (sNCTs)

Provider Type Affected

Physicians, suppliers, and providers

Key Points

- Implementation date for this instruction is April 1, 2004.
- Change Request (CR) 3339 reaffirms the existing Medicare non-coverage policy on any type of Sensory Nerve Conduction Threshold (sNCT) and the device(s) used to perform the test to diagnose sensory neuropathies or radiculopathies.
- CR3339 provides a technical correction to CR2988.
- CR2988 should be discarded and replaced with CR3339.
- The revision to Section 160.23 of Pub. 100-03 is a National Coverage Determination (NCD).
- NCDs are binding on:
 - Medicare Carrier,
 - Fiscal Intermediaries,
 - Quality Improvement organizations,
 - Health Maintenance organizations, and
 - Health care payment plans.
- Under 42 CFR 422.256(b), an NCD that expands coverage is also bind on a Medicare Advantage Organization.

Important Links

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