



TRANSCRANIAL MAGNETIC STIMULATION FOR MAJOR DEPRESSIVE DISORDER

Applies to: Providers of Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation Services

Effective date: November 1, 2021

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In accordance with the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) implementing coverage of transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS) for dates of service on or after November 1, 2021, Home State Health has implemented TMS coverage effective November 1, 2021 as well.

Transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS) is a noninvasive method of brain stimulation. The technique involves placement of a small coil over the scalp and passing a rapidly alternating current through the coil wire, which produces a magnetic field that passes unimpeded through the brain. Depending on stimulation parameters (frequency, intensity, pulse duration, stimulation site), repetitive TMS to specific cortical regions can either increase or decrease the excitability of the affected brain structures. Providers typically perform TMS on an outpatient basis, and it does not require anesthesia or analgesia. When used as an antidepressant therapy, TMS produces a clinical benefit without the systemic side effects that may be associated with oral medications. TMS does not produce adverse effects on cognition. Unlike electroconvulsive therapy, TMS does not induce amnesia or seizures. (CMS: Local Coverage Determination TMS L34641)

For details on participant eligibility and Provider Qualifications, Exclusions, Codes, and Limitations, please visit MO HealthNet at <https://dss.mo.gov/mhd/providers/pdf/bulletin44-23.pdf>

Please note: Prior authorization is required and can be obtained through our secure portal at www.HomeStateHealth.com

For Home State guidelines please visit <https://www.homestatehealth.com/providers/tools-resources/clinical-payment-policies.html> to view our TMS policy.