



Medical Advisory Committee POLICY RECOMMENDATION

Date: February 16, 2018

To: Lou Savage, Administrator, Workers' Compensation Division

From: The Medical Advisory Committee

Re: Spinal Cord Stimulators

Pursuant to ORS 656.245 (3), the Medical Advisory Committee was asked to consider if treatment via a spinal cord stimulator constituted unscientific, unproven, outmoded, or experimental treatment.

The committee determined that spinal cord stimulators should continue to be a compensable medical service because the devices are not unscientific, not unproven, not outmoded, and not experimental.

The Medical Advisory Committee further considered whether it should develop treatment parameters or guidelines for use of spinal cord stimulators. The committee concluded that at this time treatment parameters or guidelines for spinal cord stimulators are not warranted.