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| First Coast Service Options, Inc.  JN Open Meeting |
| Thursday, June 15, 1 p.m.  Topics:  DL34859– Nerve Conduction Studies and Electromyography |
| CORPORATE PARTICIPANTS  Patrick Mann, MD – First Coast Service Options/Novitas Executive Contractor Medical Director  David Sommers, MD, JD, LLM- Novitas Contractor Medical Director  Claudia Campos, MD, FACP- Novitas Contractor Medical Director  Jan Green, RN, MSN, CPC – Novitas Medical Policy Nurse  PRESENTERS  No registered presenters |

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PRESENTATION

Mandy McGarvey

Good afternoon. I'm Mandy McGarvey, and I'll be your WebEx host for today's open meeting. Before we get started, I want to take a moment to remind everyone that this meeting is being recorded. At this time, I'm going to turn things over to executive contractor medical director Dr. Patrick Mann. Dr. Mann?

Dr. Patrick Mann

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| Thank you, Mandy. Good afternoon. I would like to welcome everyone to First Coast’s June Open meeting. My name is, Dr. Patrick Mann, as Mandy has pointed out, Executive Contractor Medical Director. Joining me today from First Coast and Novitas are my colleagues, Dr. Claudia Campos, Dr. David Sommers, and Jan Green.  Please be aware that First Coast Service Options, Inc. is recording this virtual Open meeting to comply with the CMS guidelines. By remaining logged in and connected via telephone or webinar, you acknowledge that you have been made aware that this virtual Open meeting is being recorded and you are consenting to the recording. If you do not consent to being recorded, please disconnect from this virtual Open meeting.  We are holding today’s Open meeting to discuss the review of the evidence and the rationale for a proposed LCD revision that is based on an LCD consolidation. Open meetings allow interested parties the opportunity to present information and offer comments related to new proposed LCDs and/or the revised portion of a proposed LCD during the 45-day comment period.  The proposed LCD topic for today's meeting is: DL34859 Nerve Conduction Studies and Electromyography.  During today's meeting, interested parties will make presentations related to the proposed LCDs. Please remember, today's call is being recorded and we request that all formal comments be submitted in writing before the end of the comment period on July 15, 2023.  At this time, I'd like to turn it over to Jan Green to provide a brief overview of the proposed LCD Nerve Conduction Studies and Electromyography.  Jan Green  Thank you Dr. Mann, and good afternoon, everyone. This LCD has been revised to be consistent with current evidence. Once this revision to the LCD becomes effective, the current First Coast LCD L34859 for Nerve Conduction Studies and Electromyography and the related billing and coding article (A57123) will be replaced with this revised policy.  Electrodiagnostic studies are an extension of a clinical assessment for evaluation of an assortment of focal and generalized neuromuscular disorders of the peripheral nervous system and the central nervous system. Electrodiagnostic studies provide beneficial information regarding location, chronicity, severity, and pathophysiology to help determine a diagnosis and monitor a disease process in response to therapy.  Electrodiagnostic studies are performed on the basis of a provider’s history and physical examination and differential diagnosis. Muscles and nerves are assessed using nerve conduction studies and needle electromyography. In general, the nerve conduction study should be conducted and interpreted with complementary needle electromyography on site and in real time.  Guidelines and consensus statements from the American Association of Neuromuscular and Electrodiagnostic Medicine have been incorporated throughout the summary of evidence. These guidelines and consensus statements offer evidence-based recommendations for the evaluation and treatment of muscle and nerve disorders in the practice of electrodiagnostic medicine. These recommendations have been developed in cooperation with physicians who specialize in neuromuscular and electrodiagnostic medicine.  Services that are currently covered but will be non-covered in the revised policy as evidence does not support include needle oculoelectromyography (CPT code 92265); needle electromyography for hemidiaphragm (CPT code 95866); motor and/or sensory nerve conduction using preconfigured electrode arrays (CPT code 95905); and orbicularis oculi (blink) reflex by electrodiagnostic testing (CPT code 95933).  Lastly, consistent with the revised LCD, frequency editing will include the following number of tests per 12-month period per diagnosis per provider for repeat electrodiagnostic studies: 1) Two studies for carpal tunnel-unilateral, carpal tunnel-bilateral, radiculopathy, mononeuropathy, polyneuropathy, myopathy, and neuromuscular junction disorders. 2) Three studies for motor neuron disease and plexopathy. That's the completion of the summary so I'll turn it back over to you Dr. Mann.  Dr. Patrick Mann  Thank you, Jan. Since there are no presenters for this proposed LCD, I would like to thank everyone for their participation in today's Open Meeting and remind you to submit comments in writing before the end of the comment period on July 15, 2023. This meeting is adjourned. |