

New Jersey Chosen for Medicare's WISeR Program

The program will add prior authorization requirements to 17 procedures for enrollees of Original Medicare in New Jersey starting January 1st, 2026. New Jersey Original Medicare enrollees will largely see no changes to their healthcare. If you currently do not need any of these procedures, you will likely not notice any difference. If you need any of the 17 listed procedures, your provider may submit a prior authorization before the procedure is done or may look for a post-service review.

The specific procedures and devices that CMS has identified include the following:

- Electrical Nerve Stimulators (NCD 160.7);
- Sacral Nerve Stimulation for Urinary Incontinence (NCD 230.18);
- Phrenic Nerve Stimulator (NCD 160.19);
- Deep Brain Stimulation for Essential Tremor and Parkinson's Disease (NCD 160.24);
- Vagus Nerve Stimulation (NCD 160.18);
- Induced Lesions of Nerve Tracts (NCD 160.1);
- Epidural Steroid Injections for Pain Management excluding facet joint injections (L39015, L33906, L39036, L39240, L39242, L36920, L38994, L39054);
- Percutaneous Vertebral Augmentation (PVA) for Vertebral Compression Fracture (VCF) (L33569, L34106, L34228, L38201, L34976, L35130, L38737, L38213);
- Cervical Fusion (L39741, L39799, L39770, L39758, L39762, L39793, L39773, L39788);
- Arthroscopic Lavage and Arthroscopic Debridement for the Osteoarthritic Knee (NCD 150.9);
- Hypoglossal Nerve Stimulation for Obstructive Sleep Apnea (L38276, L38307, L38398, L38387, L38310, L38312, L38385, L38528);
- Incontinence Control Devices (NCD 230.10);
- Diagnosis and Treatment of Impotence (NCD 230.4);
- Percutaneous Image-Guided Lumbar Decompression for Spinal Stenosis (NCD 150.13);
- Skin and Tissue Substitutes (LCDs below) – only applicable to MAC jurisdictions and states that have an active LCD in place;
- Application of Bioengineered Skin Substitutes to Lower Extremity Chronic Non-Healing Wounds (L35041); and
- Wound Application of Cellular and/or Tissue Based Products (CTPs), Lower Extremities (L36690).