

BLADDER STIMULATORS

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I. PROCEDURE CODE

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II. DESCRIPTION

An external or implantable device used to induce emptying of the urinary bladder by using electrical current to force muscles of the bladder to contract. They are commonly called bladder stimulators or bladder pacemakers.

III. POLICY

The use of bladder stimulators, such as spinal cord, rectal and vaginal electrical stimulators, or bladder wall stimulators is considered unproven (see [Chapter 8, Section 14.1](#)). No payment can be made for the device or any related service or supply, including inpatient hospitalization primarily for surgical implantation of the bladder stimulator.

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