

SPRINT® PERIPHERAL NERVE STIMULATION (PNS) SYSTEM AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTER (ASC) REFERENCE GUIDE 2023

This guide has been developed to provide support on reporting the procedures and services associated with the use of the SPRINT Peripheral Nerve Stimulation (PNS) System for patients with acute or chronic pain.

NOTE: This information is provided for illustrative purposes only and does not guarantee payment, payment amount, or coverage. Providers are responsible for determining medical necessity, the proper site of service where treatment is rendered based on clinical judgment, and for all decisions relating to coding and billing.

AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTER CODING AND BILLING

CPT® codes¹ are used by an Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC), Place of Service 24, to report procedures and services performed. In accordance with AMA CPT guidelines and resources, CPT 64555 appropriately describes the implantation procedure of SPRINT PNS system lead(s).¹⁻³

Medicare reimburses ASCs under a fee schedule assigned to each CPT code.^{4,5} Commercial/Private payers may base reimbursement on Medicare rates, or via proprietary contracted rates.

CPT ¹	Description ¹	Payment Indicator ⁴	Subject to Multiple Procedure Discounting ⁴	2023 Medicare National Average Payment ⁴
64555	Percutaneous implantation of neurostimulator electrode array; peripheral nerve (excludes sacral nerve)	J8	No	\$5,595.58

In the Ambulatory Surgery Center, Medicare has assigned CPT 64555 a J8 (device intensive) payment indicator therefore, multiple procedure discounting does not apply.⁴ According to the Medicare ASC payment rules, the first implant procedure is paid at 100% of the fee schedule and the second implant procedure is paid at 100% of the fee schedule.^{4,5}

Procedure	CPT ¹	2023 Medicare National Average Payment ⁴
1st lead implant procedure	64555	\$5,595.58
2nd lead implant procedure	64555 — (see back page and append applicable modifier)	\$5,595.58
	Total	\$11,191.16

HCPCS Codes⁶ — An Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) may choose to report a Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) for the device(s) used in “Device Intensive” procedures for cost reporting however, they are not separately paid by Medicare.⁴ Commercial/Private payers may utilize HCPCS codes and may pay separately as per contractual arrangement with the ASC.

Payer	HCPCS ⁶	Description ⁶
Medicare*	C1778	Lead, neurostimulator (implanted)
Commercial/Private	L8680	Implantable neurostimulator electrode, each

*Some Commercial payers may utilize C1778, check with payer to determine use of the “L” or “C” HCPCS code.

ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES

Additional procedures such as ultrasound guidance (CPT 76942), fluoroscopic guidance (CPT 77002), and electronic analysis/programming (CPT 95970, 95971, 95972) may be performed and are packaged into the payment of the PNS lead implant procedure therefore, not eligible for separate payment in the ASC.⁷ Appropriate use of additional procedures will vary based on the patient condition and clinical documentation.

GEOGRAPHICALLY ADJUSTED MEDICARE ASC FEE SCHEDULE

CPT ¹	Description ¹	2023 Medicare Adjusted Payment for Zip Code ⁸ _____
64555*	Percutaneous implantation of neurostimulator electrode array; peripheral nerve (excludes sacral nerve)	

*CPT 64555 has a J8 (device intensive) payment indicator therefore, multiple procedure discounting does not apply.^{4,5}

MODIFIERS

A modifier is appended to a CPT code to indicate that the service or procedure performed has been altered by a specific circumstance but not changed in its definition or code.^{1,9} Payer guidelines regarding modifier use varies by payer and plan type and should be confirmed prior to claim submission. For example, a Medicare Advantage plan where the claim is adjudicated by a Commercial/Private payer may use Medicare modifiers or Commercial/Private modifiers.¹⁰ SPRcare is unable to determine claim processing and/or appropriate modifier use during a pre-service discussion with the payer.

Modifiers Used in the Scenarios Below and Payment Implications*	
MODIFIER ¹	MEDICARE PAYMENT IMPLICATION ^{**}
59 Distinct Procedural Service	N/A – modifier 59 is not applicable for use with 64555 for Medicare, see modifier XS. ^{1,9}
XS ^{***} Separate Structure	CPT 64555 has a J8 (device intensive) payment indicator and therefore, not subject to multiple procedure reduction. ^{4,5}
73 Discontinued procedure prior to administration of anesthesia	Medicare will pay 50% of the payment rate. ^{4,5}
74 Discontinued procedure after administration of anesthesia	No payment implications detailed by Medicare. ⁵
76 Repeat procedure same physician	No payment implications detailed by Medicare. ⁵

* This list is not all-inclusive; appropriate modifier use is dependent on the specific situation, clinical condition, and documentation.

** Commercial/Private, Medicare Advantage plans may follow Medicare payment methodology or payment may be based on contractual agreement.

*** Modifier XS is a Medicare modifier.⁹ Medicare Advantage plans may utilize modifier XS or may follow Commercial/Private modifier guidance.¹⁰

Two-Lead Implant Procedure: Same Nerve or Different Nerves or Bilateral Nerves – Same Session	
MEDICARE	COMMERCIAL / NON-MEDICARE
64555	64555
64555-XS	64555-59

PNS Example A: The physician performs the percutaneous implantation of a PNS lead targeting the sciatic nerve. During the same surgical session, the physician then implants a 2nd PNS lead targeting the same sciatic nerve.

PNS Example B: The physician performs the percutaneous implantation of a PNS lead targeting the suprascapular nerve. During the same surgical session, the physician implants a 2nd PNS lead targeting the axillary nerve.

PNS Example C: The physician performs the percutaneous implantation of a PNS lead targeting the left medial branch at L3. During the same session, the physician implants a 2nd PNS lead targeting the right medial branch at L3.

Discontinued Procedure	
PRIOR TO ADMINISTRATION OF ANESTHESIA	AFTER ADMINISTRATION OF ANESTHESIA
MEDICARE AND COMMERCIAL / NON-MEDICARE	MEDICARE AND COMMERCIAL / NON-MEDICARE
64555	64555
64555-73	64555-74

PNS Example: A patient was prepped in usual surgical fashion, the PNS System was opened in a sterile environment and prepared for implantation. Prior to administration of anesthesia (e.g. local, regional and general) and lead implant, the physician identified an abnormal heart rhythm and chose to abandon implantation of the PNS lead and referred the patient to a specialist.

PNS Example: A patient was prepped in usual surgical fashion, the PNS System was opened in a sterile environment and prepared for implantation. Anesthesia (e.g., local, regional, or general) was administered. During the PNS lead placement procedure the patient began having an abnormal heart rhythm. The physician chose to abandon implantation of the PNS lead and referred the patient to the care of a specialist.

Repeat Procedure: Same Day or Within the 10-Day Global Period*
MEDICARE AND COMMERCIAL / NON-MEDICARE

64555

64555-76

PNS Example A: A patient had a PNS lead implanted targeting the median nerve. As the patient was changing out of a gown, the lead was inadvertently withdrawn. On the same day, the same physician replaced the lead.

PNS Example B: A patient had a PNS lead implanted targeting the occipital nerve at C2. On postoperative day 8 the lead was inadvertently withdrawn during a dressing change. The physician repeated the procedure to replace the lead on post-operative day 9 (within the 10-day global period).

*If a repeat procedure is performed outside of the global period, a modifier indicating "repeat procedure" is typically not required.⁹

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Can CPT 64585 be used for the removal of the SPRINT lead(s) at the end of the treatment course?

A. No, CPT 64585 does not appropriately represent the procedure of removing SPRINT PNS lead(s). CPT 64585 describes the open surgical removal of the electrode array.¹ The SPRINT PNS System lead(s) are intended to be removed without a return trip to the O.R.

Q. Is PNS Covered by Medicare?

A. Medicare has a National Coverage Determination (NCD), Electrical Nerve Stimulators (160.7, Section A).¹¹ Peripheral Nerve Stimulation is covered when medically necessary for chronic intractable pain.

Medicare Advantage (MA) Plans must provide coverage of all services that are covered by Part A and/or Part B of Medicare (if the enrollee is entitled to benefits under part A and/or B) and comply with CMS' NCD.¹⁰

Q. Do Commercial/Private Payers Cover PNS?

A. Some Commercial/Private payers have a coverage policy detailing specific criteria requirements while others cover based on medical necessity. Payer policies often address multiple stimulation modalities, it is important to ensure you are looking at the specifics around PNS coverage.

Note: Facilities should consult Payers for any coverage guidelines, prior authorization requirements, and/or payment for PNS CPT 64555. Coverage, pre-service requirements, and payment varies by Payer and differs by Plan Type.

SUPPORT

SPR Therapeutics provides reimbursement and case management support in order to facilitate patient access to the SPRINT PNS System through our SPRcare Patient Access Program. For questions regarding reimbursement or case management support, please call the SPRcare at 833-777-2884 or via email at SPRcare@SPRINTPNS.com

Indication: The SPRINT PNS System is indicated for up to 60 days for: (i) Symptomatic relief of chronic, intractable pain, post-surgical and post-traumatic acute pain; (ii) Symptomatic relief of post-traumatic pain; and (iii) Symptomatic relief of post-operative pain. The SPRINT PNS System is not intended to treat pain in the region innervated by the cranial and facial nerves.

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SPR Therapeutics does not promote the use of SPRINT PNS outside the FDA Labeled Indications.