

Published by the Health Services Analysis Section

PROVIDER BULLETIN: 09-01

Title: Coverage Decision: Implantable Drug Delivery Systems

To:

Ambulatory Surgery Centers
Hospitals
Nurse Practitioners
Osteopathic Physicians
Physicians
Physician Assistants
Self-Insured Employers

From: (Contact)

Josh Morse
Office of the Medical Director
PO Box 44321
Olympia, WA 98504-4321
(360) 902-5026
mojo235@Lni.wa.gov
Provider Hotline 1-800-848-0811 or
from Olympia 902-6500

Affects: State Fund claims Self-Insured claims Crime Victims
Compensation Program
 All locations

Effective Date: January, 2009

Removal from Web Date: June 30, 2010

For access to **updated** and complete information about this coverage decision please visit:

<http://www.Lni.wa.gov/ClaimsIns/Providers/Treatment/CovMedDev/SpecCovDec/default.asp>

Coverage Decision

Implantable drug delivery systems (infusion pumps or IDDS) including intrathecal and epidural drug infusion pumps, and injectable medications prescribed for administration via the IDDS, **are covered** for accepted conditions under the following circumstances to:

- Treat pain caused by cancer or other end-stage disease
- Administer antispasticity drugs when spinal cord injury is an accepted condition.

Implantable drug delivery systems (infusion pumps or IDDS) are **not covered** for the treatment of chronic non-cancer pain.

Background Policy Information

On August 15th, 2008, the State Health Technology Clinical Committee (HTCC) met at an open public meeting to decide whether state agencies should pay for IDDS for treatment of chronic non-cancer pain. Based on a review of the best available evidence of safety, efficacy and cost-effectiveness, the committee's determination is that IDDS is not covered for treatment of chronic non-cancer pain. The decision was made final by the HTCC on November 14th, 2008.

Complete information on this HTCC determination is available at:

<http://www.hta.hca.wa.gov/>

All Requests for IDDS Require Prior Authorization

How to request authorization for IDDS for covered conditions

For State Fund Claims

All requests for IDDS are reviewed by L&I's utilization review (UR) vendor (Qualis).

To request a review for an inpatient hospitalization or an outpatient procedure that requires UR, please contact Qualis Health in any of the following ways:

- **Web:** Qualis Health's preferred method for receiving UR requests is via a secure, internet application called iExchange. For more information or to schedule a training session, please go to the Qualis Health web page at http://www.qualishealth.org/cm/washington-landi/web-based_um_request.cfm.
- **Phone:** (800) 541-2894 (toll free) or (206) 366-3360
- **Fax:** (877) 665-0383 (toll free) or (206) 366-3378

For Crime Victims

To request a review for an inpatient hospitalization or an outpatient procedure that requires UR, please contact the Crime Victims' Compensation Program's nurse consultant by:

- **Phone:** (800) 762-3716 (toll free)
- **Fax:** (360) 902-5333

Additional information is available at: www.CrimeVictims.Lni.wa.gov

For Self-Insured Claims

Contact the self-insured employer (SIE) or their third party administrator (TPA) to request authorization. For a list of SIE/TPAs, go to:

<http://www.Lni.wa.gov/ClaimsIns/Insurance/SelfInsure/EmpList/FindEmps/Default.asp>