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TRANSCRANIAL MAGNETIC STIMULATION OF THE BRAIN AS TREATMENT FOR DEPRESSION AND OTHER PSYCHIATRIC/NEUROLOGIC DISORDERS

Non-Discrimination Statement and Multi-Language Interpreter Services information are located at the end of this document.

Coverage for services, procedures, medical devices and drugs are dependent upon benefit eligibility as outlined in the member's specific benefit plan. This Medical Coverage Guideline must be read in its entirety to determine coverage eligibility, if any.

This Medical Coverage Guideline provides information related to coverage determinations only and does not imply that a service or treatment is clinically appropriate or inappropriate. The provider and the member are responsible for all decisions regarding the appropriateness of care. Providers should provide BCBSAZ complete medical rationale when requesting any exceptions to these guidelines.

The section identified as "<u>Description</u>" defines or describes a service, procedure, medical device or drug and is in no way intended as a statement of medical necessity and/or coverage.

The section identified as "<u>Criteria</u>" defines criteria to determine whether a service, procedure, medical device or drug is considered medically necessary or experimental or investigational.

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Description:

Transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS) is a noninvasive method of delivering electrical stimulation to the brain. A magnetic field is delivered through the skull where it induces electric currents that affect neuronal function. In contrast to electroconvulsive therapy, TMS does not require anesthesia and does not induce a convulsion.

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Description: (cont.)

Repetitive TMS (rTMS) has been utilized as a treatment of depression. TMS (rTMS) has been investigated as a treatment of other disorders, including alcohol dependence, Alzheimer's disease, neuropathic pain, obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), post-partum depression, Parkinson disease, stroke, posttraumatic stress disorder, panic disorder, epilepsy, dysphagia, Tourette syndrome, schizophrenia, migraine, spinal cord injury, fibromyalgia and tinnitus.

Repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation should be performed using a U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-cleared device in appropriately selected individuals, by physicians who are adequately trained and experienced in the specific techniques used. A treatment course should not exceed 5 days a week for 6 weeks (total of 30 sessions), followed by a 3-week taper of 3 transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS) treatments in week 1, 2 TMS treatments the next week, and 1 TMS treatment in the last week.

Criteria:

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For transcranial magnetic stimulation used in intraoperative monitoring of motor evoked potentials, see BCBSAZ Medical Coverage Guideline #O450, "Sensory Evoked Potentials".

For navigated transcranial magnetic stimulation for presurgical evaluation of eloquent brain areas, see BCBSAZ Medical Coverage Guideline #0872, "Navigated Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation for Presurgical Evaluation of Eloquent Brain Areas".

For transcranial magnetic stimulation used in treatment of tinnitus, see BCBSAZ Medical Coverage Guideline #0784, "Treatment of Tinnitus".

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Criteria: (cont.)

- Transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS) or repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation (rTMS) of the brain is considered *medically necessary* as a treatment of major depressive disorder with documentation of ALL of the following:
 - 1. Confirmed diagnosis of severe major depressive disorder (single or recurrent) documented by standardized rating scales that reliably measure depressive symptoms
 - 2. **ONE** of the following:
 - Failure of 4 trials of psychopharmacologic agents, including 2 different agent classes and 2 augmentation trials
 - Inability to tolerate a therapeutic dose of medications as evidenced by 4 trials of psychopharmacologic agents with distinct side effects
 - History of response to rTMS in a previous depressive episode (at least 3 months since the prior episode)
 - Is a candidate for electroconvulsive therapy (ECT) and ECT would not be clinically superior to rTMS (e.g., in cases with psychosis, acute suicidal risk, catatonia or life-threatening inanition rTMS should not be utilized)
 - Failure of a trial of a psychotherapy known to be effective in the treatment of major depressive disorder of an adequate frequency and duration, without significant improvement in depressive symptoms as documented by standardized rating scales that reliably measure depressive symptoms.
 - 4. Absence of **ALL** of the following contraindications:
 - No vagus nerve stimulator leads in the carotid sheath
 - No other implanted stimulators controlled by or that use electrical or magnetic signals
 - No conductive or ferromagnetic or other magnetic-sensitive metals implanted or embedded in head or neck within 11.81 inches (30cm) of TMS coil placement other than dental fillings
 - No acute or chronic psychotic disorder
 - No seizure disorder or history of seizure disorder
 - No substance abuse at the time of treatments
 - No severe dementia
 - No known non-adherence with previous treatment for depression

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Criteria: (cont.)

- Transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS) or repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation (rTMS) of the brain as a treatment of all other indications or if above criteria not met is considered experimental or investigational based upon:
 - Insufficient scientific evidence to permit conclusions concerning the effect on health outcomes, and
 - 2. Insufficient evidence to support improvement of the net health outcome, and
 - 3. Insufficient evidence to support improvement of the net health outcome as much as, or more than, established alternatives.

These indications include, but are not limited to:

- Maintenance therapy
- Alcohol dependence
- Alzheimer's disease
- Bi-polar disorder
- Fibromyalgia
- Migraine headache
- Neuropathic pain
- Obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD)
- Postpartum depression
- Spinal cord injury
- Schizophrenia
- Tinnitus
- Tourette's syndrome
- Parkinson disease
- Stroke
- Posttraumatic stress disorder
- Panic disorder
- Epilepsy
- Dysphagia

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Resources:

Literature reviewed 08/29/17. We do not include marketing materials, poster boards and non-published literature in our review.

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FDA 510K Summary for NeuroStar TMS®:

- FDA-approved indication: Treatment of Major Depressive Disorder in adult patients who have failed to achieve satisfactory improvement from prior antidepressant medication in the current episode. (Classified in class II with establishment of special controls.)

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Tagalog: Kung ikaw, o ang iyong tinutulangan, ay may mga katanungan tungkol sa Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona, may karapatan ka na makakuha ng tulong at impormasyon sa iyong wika ng walang gastos. Upang makausap ang isang tagasalin, tumawag sa 877-475-4799.

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