

New Technology Update

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SummaCare is committed to providing its members with access to the most up-to-date treatment modalities and state-of-the-art care that is both **safe and effective**. This commitment requires thoughtful evaluation of emerging new technologies on an ongoing basis for inclusion in the SummaCare benefit package.

We would like to keep you up-to-date with these new technology coverage determinations. The following table lists the new technologies considered by SummaCare since the last issue along with our coverage determinations:

New Technology	Coverage Determination	Product Line
Cardionet/MCOT (Mobile Cardiac Outpatient Telemetry)	Covered when criteria are met	Medicare
Peripheral Subcutaneous Nerve Stimulator	Covered when criteria are met	Medicare
Percutaneous Vertebroplasty	Covered when criteria are met	Commercial and Medicare
Percutaneous Kyphoplasty	Covered when criteria are met	Medicare
Small Bowel Capsule Endoscopy	Covered when criteria are met	Medicare
Corrugator Muscle Resection for the Treatment of Migraines	Not covered at this time	NA
Positron Emission Tomography (PET) for Alzheimer's Disease (AD)	Not covered at this time	NA
Low Field MRI for Diagnosis of Rheumatoid Arthritis	Not covered at this time	NA
Magnetoencephalography/Magnetic Source Imaging (MSI)	Not covered at this time	NA
SurgiMend (Collagen Matrix for Soft Tissue Reconstruction)	Not covered at this time	NA
Tenoglide Tendon Protector Sheet	Not covered at this time	NA
Coag Check	Not covered at this time	NA
Ductal Lavage	Not covered at this time	NA
Pelvic Floor Stimulation	Not covered at this time	NA
External Shock Wave Therapy (ESWT) for Chronic Epicondylitis of the Elbow	Not covered at this time	NA
Deep Brain Stimulation for	Not covered at this time	NA

New Technology	Coverage Determination	Product Line
Parkinson's Disease and Essential Tremor	time	

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