

## Non-spinal non-invasive ultrasonic stimulators

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Policy contains: Bone growth stimulators; Non-spinal non-invasive ultrasonic stimulators;

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## **Policy statement**

Non-spinal non-invasive ultrasonic bone growth stimulators may be considered under the following circumstances:

- The failure of a non-union fracture to heal. A period of 90 days following treatment has occurred;
- Documentation consists of two sets of radiographs, one before treatment and the second occurring 90 days after treatment; and
- The radiographs shall include multiple views and be accompanied by a written interpretation by a
  physician stating that there has been no clinically significant evidence of the fracture healing between
  the two sets of radiographs.

## References

Louisiana Department of Health. 2010. Durable medical equipment provider manual. Osteogenic bone growth stimulators. Chapter 18, Section 18.2.25.1. Issued 02/28/2023.

## **Policy updates**

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