

January 23, 2023



**Re: Medical coverage policy update – Peripheral nerve block procedures considered experimental, investigational, or unproven effective April 16, 2023**

We routinely review our coverage, reimbursement, and administrative policies for potential updates. In that review, we take into consideration one or more of the following: Evidence-based medicine, professional society recommendations, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services guidance, industry standards, and our other existing policies.

As a result of a recent review, we will deny claims for peripheral nerve block procedures billed with Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) codes 64505, 64400, and 64405 as experimental, investigational, or unproven (EIU) regardless of the diagnosis. CPT code 64450 will also be denied as EIU *only* when submitted with a headache and/or trigeminal/occipital neuralgia diagnosis. Denials will include medical necessity appeal rights.

This update is effective for dates of service on or after April 16, 2023. We will update the Headache and Occipital Neuralgia Treatment (0063) medical coverage policy to reflect this change.

**Additional information**

For more information about our coverage policies, log in to the Cigna for Health Care Professionals website ([CignaforHCP.com](http://CignaforHCP.com)) > Review coverage policies.

If you are not a registered user, please register so that you may log in and access all of our coverage, reimbursement, and administrative policies. Go to [CignaforHCP.com](http://CignaforHCP.com) and click Register. If you would like additional information, please call Cigna Customer Service at **800.88Cigna (882.4462)**.

Thank you for the care you provide to our customers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie B. Kessel MD".

Julie B. Kessel, MD  
Medical Officer for Coverage Policy  
Clinical Performance & Quality Organization

**At a glance**

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