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To: John Shilts

From: Nancy Bieber, WCD staff support for MAC

Re: Interferential Stimulation (IFS)

Last fall, Liberty Northwest requested that WCD adopt a rule to declare the IFS non-compensable treatment pursuant to OAR 436-010-0300. This issue was presented to the Medical Advisory Committee at their meeting on November 19, 2004. Following a preliminary review of the topic, the consensus of the MAC members was that basically the IFS is essentially a TNS unit. MAC recognized, however, that the cost of an IFS unit was much higher than the cost of a standard TNS unit. Therefore, MAC made the following recommendation:

An IFS unit should be reimbursed at the same rate as a typical TNS unit.

MAC has not made a determination as to whether the IFS fits the criteria for exclusion, that it is experimental, unproven, unscientific or outmoded.

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