

Policy Name:	Cala Trio Therapy for Essential Tremor
Effective Date:	6/19/2023

Important Information – Please Read Before Using This Policy

These services may or may not be covered by all Medica plans. Coverage is subject to requirements in applicable federal or state laws. Please refer to the member's plan document for other specific coverage information. If there is a difference between this general information and the member's plan document, the member's plan document will be used to determine coverage. With respect to Medicare, Medicaid, and other government programs, this policy will apply unless these programs require different coverage. Members may contact Medica Customer Service at the phone number listed on their member identification card to discuss their benefits more specifically. Providers with questions may call the Medica Provider Service Center toll-free at 1-800-458-5512.

Medica coverage policies are not medical advice. Members should consult with appropriate health care providers to obtain needed medical advice, care and treatment.

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Cala Trio Therapy for Essential Tremor is considered investigative and unproven and therefore **NOT COVERED**. There is insufficient reliable evidence in the form of high quality peer-reviewed medical literature to establish the efficacy or effects on health care outcomes.

Description

Cala Trio is the first FDA-cleared wearable bioelectronics device for the treatment of essential tremors, a progressive movement disorder. Cala Trio is a non-invasive, wrist-worn self-administered device that uses electrical stimulation to stimulate the nerves in the wrist to disrupt the tremulous activity in the brain. It purportedly targets the ventral intermediate nucleus of the thalamus in the brain - the same site as deep brain stimulation.

During the initial calibration, the frequency of the patient's tremor is measured by on-board sensors in order to personalize the stimulation supplied by the device.

The Cala Trio system includes three main components: (1) a rechargeable stimulator, (2) a wrist-worn electrode band, and (3) a base station that charges the device and transmit data from the device to the cloud.

Cala Trio provides electrical stimulation to the median and radial nerves through electrodes placed on the inside of a wrist band. This stimulation therapy is called transcutaneous afferent patterned stimulation (TAPS).

The device can be worn all day for on-demand relief at home, in social settings, at work, or whenever patients need it.

Prior Authorization

Prior authorization is not applicable. Claims for this service are subject to retrospective review and denial of coverage, as investigative services are not eligible for reimbursement.

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Coding Considerations

Use the current applicable CPT/HCPCS code(s). The following codes are included below for informational purposes only, and are subject to change without notice. Inclusion or exclusion of a code does not constitute or imply member coverage or provider reimbursement.

CPT Codes

- **K1018** – External upper limb tremor stimulator of the peripheral nerves

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