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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Department of Health & Human Services
Attention: CMS-1500-P
P.O. Box 8011
Baltimore, MD 21244-1850

Dear Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services,

I am writing to tell you how important it is for CMS to reimburse hospitals (both inpatient and outpatient settings) for rechargeable neurostimulators. Rechargeable neurostimulators are a huge improvement over the previous technology and it is important that this be an option for people with pain. This new technology will cut down on the need for expensive battery replacement and the painful and costly surgery that accompanies it. Additionally, having a rechargeable battery source means that patients can achieve optimal stimulation for pain relief, no longer having to conserve energy and reduce the stimulation power to prolong battery life. People in pain will then be able to personally control their pain relief on a 24-hour basis.

As a person in pain and as an ex medical professional i would encourage u to remember why we need this field and why we all went into it..... i believe it was because we wanted to help people and make a difference. Please stop trying to make health care, a business, that makes money and back to a service to help prevent and maintain quality of life while maintaining costs. we need doc that will listen and have there hands free of the insurance companies, cause there are more scared of the insurance company then what might happen to the patient. sad but true.

Thank you for your attention to this very important issue for people who have chronic pain. It is vital that everyone, no matter what their insurance or income levels, have equal access to good pain relief treatments.

Sincerely,

Kathy Brooks

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