

Neurostimulator Workgroup: 2026 Q2 Work Plan Update

This update outlines the Neurostimulator Workgroup’s near-term work plan for clarifying CPT coding for peripheral neurostimulators. It reflects the CPT Editorial Panel’s continued commitment to addressing ongoing confusion in coding for peripheral neurostimulator services through a collaborative, broad-stakeholder process.

Charge

The **charge** of this workgroup is to evaluate and clarify the CPT coding structure for neurostimulator systems by addressing stakeholder concerns and potential gaps in current guidance to achieve consistent application of the definitions across services currently provided by physicians. The group will assess whether new codes or revisions are needed to address confusion around physician work related to integrated and non-integrated systems.

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A Multi-Phase Approach

The workgroup’s approach to neurostimulator coding will proceed in several phases. Following completion of the initial work, the process will include collaboration with both clinical and industry stakeholders.

Pre-work phase: Editorial review and terminology refinement

Review of common terms and draft definitions

The workgroup will review and align key terms and definitions related to peripheral neurostimulators. These terms and definitions will then be shared with physician and industry stakeholders for input before being incorporated into a future code change application.

Code change application

For the **September 2026 CPT Editorial Panel meeting**, AMA staff submitted a code change application to reorganize the current neurostimulator code set in response to stakeholder confusion related to peripheral cranial neurostimulator coding. This application was intended as a starting point to help the workgroup organize and navigate future revisions to the neurostimulator code set.

Because the application expanded beyond the workgroup's charge, which is limited to peripheral neurostimulators, it is not considered a workgroup-sponsored code change application. However, given the expertise represented within the workgroup, members have reviewed the application and provided comments.

In addition, the workgroup is monitoring and reviewing all code change applications moving through the Panel process that may affect its charge. The intent is not to delay progress on neurostimulator codes that are ready for approval, but rather to remain informed about related developments and incorporate those changes into the workgroup's broader deliberations.

Pre-work phase: Industry and physician survey

At the end of June, surveys were distributed to interested manufacturers of peripheral neurostimulator devices and to at least one physician or other qualified health care professional who implants each device. The purpose of the survey is to collect objective source data to better understand the devices and assess the current landscape.

The survey period has now closed, and the data is under review. The survey findings will help the workgroup finalize key terms and definitions, and that work will continue once the results have been analyzed and collated.

Work phase: Future code change applications

The workgroup's goal is to develop a code change application that incorporates the pre-work findings as well as stakeholder input. The application will be vetted with stakeholders prior to submission, with a target of the **May 2027 CPT Editorial Panel meeting**.

Transparency and Next Steps

As the Neurostimulator Workgroup's efforts progress, draft work products will be shared and reviewed in an open and transparent manner. The goal is to convene one stakeholder call at the end of the pre-work phase in **Q4 2026**, before work begins on the code change application. In addition, the workgroup plans to host a second stakeholder call in **Q1 2027** prior to submission of the code change application. An updated workstream will be shared in **October 2026** to provide an update on **Q3 2026** activities. Timing is subject to change based on how the work matures, but this roadmap outlines our goal.

Questions about this work plan can be directed to [Becky Dolan](#).