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The following **changes to the Medicaid Benefit Package** will be implemented shortly in accordance with recommendations made by the Medicaid Basic Benefit Review Advisory Committee:

1. **LUMBAR DISCOGRAPHY** – Discontinue coverage of lumbar discography for chronic low back pain.
2. **TRANSCUTANEOUS NERVE STIMULATION (TENS)** for Treatment of Pain – Limit coverage of TENS to pain associated with osteoarthritis of the knee only.
3. **IMPLANTABLE INFUSION PUMPS FOR NON-CANCER PAIN** – Coverage of implantable infusion pumps for pain management, except in cases of intractable cancer pain, will be discontinued due to insufficient evidence and the potential for patient harm. This policy will not apply to pumps already in place.
4. **FUNCTIONAL ELECTRICAL STIMULATORS (FES)** – Discontinue coverage of FES for spinal cord and head injury, cerebral palsy, and upper motor neuron disease.

Full details on coverage, coding, and implementation dates will be forthcoming in an upcoming Medicaid Update.

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