**SAMPLE LETTER OF MEDICAL NECESSITY REQUESTING**

**PRE-AUTHORIZATION OF PROGRAMMING SERVICES FO**R **remed­ē THERAPY**

**(NOT INCLUDING SEPARATELY IDENTIFIABLE E/M CODE(S) FOR CLINIC VISIT(S))**

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**Instructions for completing the sample appeal letter:**

1. Please customize the appeals template based on the medical appropriateness of the **rem**edē® System for your patient. Fields required for customization are **highlighted in red text**.
2. It is important to provide the most complete information to assist with the appeals process.
3. After you have customized the appeals letter, please make sure to delete any specific instructions for completion that are in red text throughout the letter so the health plan does not misinterpret this as a form letter.

If you have questions, please contact 1-952-540-4470 or email [reimbursement@remede.zoll.com](mailto:reimbursement@remede.zoll.com).

[Date]

**To:** [Insurance Company PA/Pre-D Dept]

[Address]

[City, State, Zip]

**Re: Request For Pre-Service Approval for Programming of the remed­ē Transvenous Phrenic Nerve Stimulation System for Central Sleep Apnea (“remed­ē System”)**

**Patient Name: [Patient name]**

**Date of Birth: [Date of Birth]**

**Group/Policy Number: [Policy #]**

**CPT® Code:** *CPT 0435T, Programming device evaluation of implanted neurostimulator pulse generator system for central sleep apnea; single session*

**Diagnosis Code: Central Sleep Apnea, G47.31**

**Initial implant Surgery Approval Code: [Authorization code]**

**Implant Surgery DOS: [Date of implant surgery]**

Dear Medical Reviewer,

I am writing to request authorization by [Insurance Company name] in order to perform services related to [Therapy Activation] or [Therapy Optimization] of *the remedē System*. The *remedē System* is an implantable system that safely and effectively treats moderate to severe Central Sleep Apnea (CSA) in adult patients. The coverage for placement of the remedē System (CPT code 0424T) was approved on [Date of approval of implant surgery] and the authorization code for the initial surgery is [insert initial implant auth code]. The surgery to implant the remedē System was performed by Dr. [Last name of implanting surgeon] on [Date of Implant surgery] at [Name of Facility].

As demonstrated in the pivotal trial[[1]](#footnote-1), the remedē system requires [therapy activation -or- intermittent device interrogation] to optimize the therapy and clinical outcomes. It is my clinical judgement that [patient name] now requires a therapy review as part of their treatment plan for this implantable device. This session includes review of device data, programming and adjusting device stimulation, and patient education. Pursuant to the requirements of FDA approval, I have received specialized training related to all aspects of therapy management including the initiation of therapy, titration, and use of the programmer.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please notify me if additional information is required by calling me at [insert phone number].

Sincerely,

Provider Name

NPI:

Address

City, State ZIP

Contact Phone Number

**Enclosures:**

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Implant procedure Prior Authorization Approval Letter

1. Costanzo MR, Ponikowski P, Javaheri S, et al. Transvenous neurostimulation for central sleep apnea: a randomised controlled trial. *Lancet*. 2016;388(10048):974–982. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)