

Change to National Coverage Determination may affect your Medicare coverage

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) sometimes change the coverage rules that apply to an item or service under Medicare. When this happens, CMS issues a National Coverage Determination, or NCD.

NCDs tell us:

- What benefits and services are covered
- What benefits and services are changing
- What Medicare will pay for an item or service

CMS recently issued an update to the NCD that applies to the following service:

Implantable Cardiac Defibrillators

Here is a description of the change to the NCD. This affects services given **on or after February 15, 2018**

Services affected	Additional information
<p>The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued an NCD to update Implantable Automatic Defibrillators which includes Implantable Cardiac Defibrillators (ICDs)</p>	<p>CMS will cover ICDs for the following patient indications:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Documented episode of cardiac arrest due to ventricular fibrillation (VF), not due to a transient or reversible cause. 2. Documented sustained ventricular tachyarrhythmia (VT), either spontaneous or induced by an electrophysiology (EP) study, not associated with an acute myocardial infarction (MI) and not due to a transient or reversible cause. 3. Documented familial or inherited conditions with a high risk of life-threatening VT, such as long QT syndrome or hypertrophic cardiomyopathy.

We're here to help you

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