

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:

Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR) T-cell Therapy

Here is a description of the change to the NCD. This affects services given **on or after August 7, 2019**

Services affected	Additional information
<p>The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued an NCD to update Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR) T-cell Therapy.</p>	<p>Effective for dates of service on or after August 7, 2019, Medicare covers autologous treatment for cancer with T-cells expressing at least one chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) when administered at specific healthcare facilities enrolled in the FDA Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies (REMS) and used for a medically accepted or an FDA-approved indication and the use is supported in one or more CMS-approved compendia.</p> <p>(CAR) T-cell therapy is not covered when the use is for a non-FDA-approved autologous T-cells expressing at least one CAR and the requirements listed above are not met.</p>

We're here to help you

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