

# Medicare Coverage ~ NCAs

## Actinic Keratoses (#CAG-00049N )

### Meeting Report

**Purpose:** The purpose of this meeting was to exchange facts and information pursuant to investigating the American Academy of Dermatology's request for the possible development of a coverage instruction for actinic keratoses.

**Date:** January 12, 2000

**Place:** HCFA Central Office, Baltimore

**Participants:**

**HCFA:** Hugh Hill, MD, Ken Simon, MD, Madeline Ulrich, MD, Richard Coyne, Jackie Sheridan, Andrea Argabrite, Claude Mone

**American Academy of Dermatology:** Darrell Rigel, MD, Clifford Lober, MD, John Barnes, Cheryl Hayden

**Summary:** Representatives from the American Academy of Dermatology requested a meeting to present additional material to support their request for a national coverage decision on actinic keratoses. In a previous meeting, we explained that the coverage process was one that was evidence based and that the detail of the scientific evidence they presented would determine the direction of our instruction. Representatives from the Academy explained to us that they are seeking a national coverage decision for the treatment of actinic keratoses because of inconsistencies that exist through local medical policies implemented by several different Medicare contractors throughout the country. They agreed to provide us with additional published medical literature to support their request in addition to a model policy being developed in California that they felt is consistent with their request for a national policy. We also discussed another avenue that the Academy might want to consider. We offered to assist them in contacting Program Integrity to open a dialogue in working with the various Medicare contractors to try to resolve some of the issues on the treatment of actinic keratoses.

**Next Steps:** Await receipt of additional material from the American Academy of Dermatology.

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