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Cardiac Catheterization in Other than A Hospital Setting

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Provider Types Affected

Physicians and/or providers who bill Medicare Carriers for cardiac catheterizations performed in freestanding facilities

Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is January 12, 2006.
- The implementation date is February 27, 2006.
- Effective for services performed on or after January 12, 2006, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is repealing section 20.25, titled "Cardiac Catheterization In Other Than A Hospital Setting," of publication 100-03 (*National Coverage Determinations Manual*).
- The original language from section 20.25 of publication 100-03 required that Medicare carriers, in consultation with the Peer Review Organizations (PROs), renamed Quality Improvement Organizations (QIOs), review freestanding cardiac catheterizations facilities to determine that procedures can be performed safely.
- This function of the QIOs is no longer in their scope of work as their focus has shifted to include other functions.
- It will now be at the carrier's discretion through local medical review policies to make decisions regarding the coverage of cardiac catheterization in freestanding facilities.

Important Links

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R46NCD.pdf>

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