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Cardiac Output Monitoring by Thoracic Electrical Bioimpedance (TEB)

Key Words

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Provider Types Affected

Physicians who bill Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs), or Medicare Carriers for services to Medicare beneficiaries

Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is November 24, 2006.
- The implementation date is January 16, 2007.
- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reconsidered the Medicare coverage policy for TEB for drug-resistant hypertension and decided to retain current coverage as written in section 20.16 of the *National Coverage Determinations (NCD) Manual*.
- Effective for dates of service on and after November 24, 2006, the current policies for cardiac output monitoring by TEB listed at §20.16 of the NCD Manual will remain the same.
- Medicare A/B MACs and carriers will continue to make reasonable and necessary determinations for the use of TEB related to drug-resistant hypertension only. All other coverage and non-coverage policies at §20.16 remain in effect.

Important Links

The related MLN Matters article can be found at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5414.pdf> on the CMS website

The official instruction issued to Medicare FIs, carriers or A/B MACs may be viewed by going to <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R63NCD.pdf> on the CMS website. The instruction includes the revised section of 20.16 of the NCD manual