



Provider Inquiry Assistance

Cardiac Computed Tomographic Angiography (CTA) – JA6098

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Contractors Affected

- Carriers
- Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs)
- Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs)

Provider Types Affected Physicians, providers, and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare Carriers, FIs, and/or A/B MACs for Cardiac CTA services provided to Medicare beneficiaries



Change request (CR) 6098 announces that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has determined that the coverage of cardiac CTA to diagnose coronary artery disease (CAD) will remain at local Medicare contractor discretion, and no national coverage determination (NCD) is appropriate at this time.

Provider Needs to Know...

- After examining the medical evidence, CMS has determined that a NCD is not appropriate at this time, effective March 12, 2008. Pursuant to the Social Security Act (Section 1862(a)(1)(A)), decisions should be made by local contractors through:
 - Local coverage determination process, or
 - Case-by-case adjudication
- All claims for CTA used to diagnose CAD will continue to be determined by local Medicare contractor discretion and Section 220.1 of Publication 100-03 of the NCD Manual remains unchanged.

Background

CTA is a noninvasive method (using intravenous contrast) to visualize the coronary arteries (or other vessels) using high resolution, high speed CT.

Operational
Impact

The related MLN Matters article can be found at
<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM6098.pdf> on the CMS
website.

Reference
Materials

The official instruction (CR6098) regarding this change can be found at
<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R85NCD.pdf> on the CMS website.
