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Coverage by Medicare Advantage Organizations for National Coverage Determination (NCD) Services Not Previously Included in the Medicare Advantage's (MA) Capitated Rates

Key Words

NCD, MA, Ventricular, Implantable, Defibrillators, Surgery, Fee-For-Service, Capitated, MM3301, CR3301

Provider Types Affected

Physicians, providers, and suppliers billing for the services mentioned below

Key Points

- The effective date of instruction is January 1, 2005.
- MM 3301 was revised to reflect that the correct effective date for the NCD on ventricular assist devices is October 1, 2003.
- Medicare Advantage (MA) rates were recently adjusted to account for the following three National Coverage Determination (NCD) services:
 - Implantable automatic defibrillators (effective 10/1/03),
 - Ventricular assist devices (effective 10/1/03), and
 - Lung volume reduction surgery (effective 1/1/04).
- MA organizations are liable for payment for these NCD services beginning January 1, 2005.
- Services rendered prior to January 1, 2005 relating to the three NCD services mentioned above are paid by Medicare on a fee-for-service basis for MA enrollees.

Important Links

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/matters/mmarticles/2005/MM3301.pdf>