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Cardiac Catheterization In Other Than A Hospital Setting

Note: This article was updated on October 24, 2012, to reflect current Web addresses. All other information remains unchanged.

Provider Types Affected

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

Important Points to Remember

- 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*).
- Repeal of this section will result in determinations of coverage for cardiac catheterization when performed outside the hospital setting at the discretion of the local Medicare carrier through their local medical review policies.

Background

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.

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Implementation

The implementation date for this instruction is February 27, 2006.

Additional Information

The official instructions issued to your carrier regarding this change can be found at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R46NCD.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have questions, please contact your Medicare carrier at their toll-free number which may be found at <http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/provider-compliance-interactive-map/index.html> on the CMS website.

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