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### National Coverage Determination (NCD) for Single Chamber and Dual Chamber Permanent Cardiac Pacemakers

**Note:** This article was revised on January 27, 2016, to note that the NCD for Cardiac Pacemakers, “Single Chamber and Dual Chamber Permanent Cardiac Pacemakers” (NCD20.8.3) was effective on August 13, 2013, and remains in effect. In order to address claims processing issues, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has instructed Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) to implement this NCD at the local level until CMS is able to revise the formal claims processing instructions. All aspects of the NCD policy in the “NCD Manual”, Section 20.8.3, remain in effect. Additionally, CMS is temporarily removing the corresponding “Medicare Claims Processing Manual”, Chapter 32, Section 320, and all but two business requirements, to avoid confusion and better clarify that the MACs will use their discretionary authority to process these claims.

### Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters® Article is intended for physicians, providers, and suppliers submitting claims to MACs for single chamber and dual chamber permanent cardiac pacemaker services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

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## Additional Information

The official instruction, CR 9078, was issued to your MAC via two transmittals. The first transmittal updates the “Medicare Claims Processing Manual” and it is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R3421CP.pdf> on the CMS website. The second updates the Medicare “National Coverage Determination Manual” and it is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R187NCD.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have questions, please contact your MAC at their toll-free number. The number is available at <http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/index.html> under - How Does It Work?

## Document History

Date	Description
January 27, 2016	This article was revised to reflect the revised CR9078 issued on December 10, 2015. The CR was revised to further clarify that the MACs are to implement the NCD at the local level until Medicare system instructions are revised and Medicare system changes are implemented. The CR also included a specific implementation date of January 13, 2016 for local implementation.
November 13, 2015	All references to the old claims processing instructions were removed from the article.
October 28, 2015	This article was revised to reflect the revised CR9078 issued on October 26. The CR was revised to direct the MACs to implement the NCD at the local level until Medicare system instructions are revised and Medicare system changes are implemented.
May 26, 2015	This article was revised to add a reference to MLN Matters® Article <a href="#">MM8525</a> which allows payment for nationally covered implanted permanent cardiac pacemakers, single chamber or dual chamber, for the indications outlined in the “Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual.”

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