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News Flash – A new publication titled “Comprehensive Error Rate Testing (CERT) – Evaluation and Management (E/M) Services: Overview” is now available in downloadable format from the Medicare Learning Network® at http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/downloads/Evaluation_Management_Fact_Sheet_ICN905363.pdf on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website. This fact sheet is designed to provide education on Evaluation and Management Services to Medicare Fee-For-Service providers, and includes information on the documentation needed to support a claim submitted to Medicare for medical services.

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National Coverage Determination (NCD) for Percutaneous Transluminal Angioplasty (PTA) (20.7)

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Provider Types Affected

Physicians and hospitals submitting claims to Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), Carriers, and/or A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for Percutaneous Transluminal Angioplasty (PTA) with Carotid Artery Stenting (CAS) are affected.

What You Need to Know

This Special Edition contains no changes to current policy. This article describes current policies regarding PTA and CAS.

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You need to know that the National Coverage Determination (NCD) 20.7 for PTA of the carotid artery concurrent with stenting is not changed by the new FDA-approved indications for the RX Acculink carotid stent. Specifically:

- Procedures on patients who are not at high risk for CEA (i.e., patients at normal or standard risk) are covered by Medicare when these procedures are performed in FDA-approved post approval studies; and
- Patients who are not at high risk for CEA are eligible for Medicare coverage in Category B Investigational Device Exemption (IDE) studies.

You may review the “National Coverage Determination (NCD) for Percutaneous Transluminal Angioplasty (PTA) (20.7),” which is available at <http://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/details/ncd-details.aspx?NCDId=201&ncdver=9&bc=BAABAAAAAAAA&> on the CMS website.

Background

On May 6, 2011, the FDA approved use of the RX Acculink carotid stent in patients who are not at high risk for adverse events from CEA. FDA approval of these new indications for normal or standard risk patients does not change the Medicare national coverage policy.

Additional Information

The Category B IDE clinical trials regulation (42 CFR 405.201) is available at http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/cgi/t/text/text-idx?c=ecfr&tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title42/42cfr405_main_02.tpl on the Internet.

Information about routine costs under the clinical trials policy (Medicare NCD Manual 310.1) is available at <http://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/search/document-id-search-results.aspx?DocID=310.1&bc=gAAAAAAAAAAAA&> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your FI, carrier, or A/B MAC 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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