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SUBJECT: Removal of Multiple National Coverage Determinations Using Expedited Process

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: The purpose of this change request (CR) is to remove sections 50.6 - Tinnitus masking, 160.4 - Stereotactic Cingulotomy as a Means of Psychosurgery, 160.6 - Carotid Sinus Nerve Stimulator, 160.9 - Electroencephalographic (EEG) Monitoring During Open-Heart Surgery, 190.4 - Electron Microscope, 220.7 - Xenon Scan, 220.8 - Nuclear Radiology Procedure, from Pub. 100-03, Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 18, 2014

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Disclaimer for manual changes only: The revision date and transmittal number apply only to red italicized material. Any other material was previously published and remains unchanged. However, if this revision contains a table of contents, you will receive the new/revised information only, and not the entire table of contents.

II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (N/A if manual is not updated)

R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED

R/N/D	CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE
R	1/50.6/Tinnitus Masking
R	1/160.4 /Stereotactic Cingulotomy as a Means of Psychosurgery
R	1/160.6/Carotid Sinus Nerve Stimulator
R	1/160.9 /Electroencephalographic (EEG) Monitoring During Open-Heart Surgery
R	1/190.4/Electron Microscope
R	1/220.7/Xenon Scan
R	1/220.8/Nuclear Radiology Procedure

III. FUNDING:

For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):

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IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Business Requirements

Manual Instruction

Attachment - Business Requirements

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background The purpose of this Change Request (CR) is to remove seven NCDs from the Medicare Pub. 100-03, NCD manual as a result of an expedited process that was established in an August 7, 2013 Federal Register notice (78 FR 48164). The notice is also available on our website at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coverage/DeterminationProcess/Downloads/FR08072013.pdf>.

B. Policy The decision memorandum contains a summary of the expedited removal process and explicitly removes the following seven NCDs from manual sections:

- 50.6 - Tinnitus masking
- 160.4 - Stereotactic Cingulotomy as a Means of Psychosurgery
- 160.6 - Carotid Sinus Nerve Stimulator
- 160.9 - Electroencephalographic (EEG) Monitoring During Open-Heart Surgery
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The decision memorandum is available at <http://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/details/medicare-coverage-document-details.aspx?MCDId=29&mcdtype=National+Coverage+Determinations+Proposed+for+Removal&MCDIndexType=7&bc=AgAEAAAAAAAAAAA%3d%3d&>

In the absence of an NCD, contractors and adjudicators should consider whether any Medicare claims for these services are reasonable and necessary under § 1862(a)(1)(A) of the SSA consistent with the existing guidance for making such decisions when there is no NCD.

NOTE: Contractors should carefully review their local policies and local claims processing edits to identify any references to the deleted NCDs.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement, and "should" denotes an optional requirement.

Number	Requirement	Responsibility								
		A/B MAC			D M E M A C	Shared- System Maintainers				Other
		A	B	H H H		F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
9095.1	Effective for claims with dates of service on and after December 18, 2014, coverage determinations under section 1862(a)(1)(A) of the SSA for the seven removed NCDs shall be made by the local Medicare Administrative Contractors.	X	X							

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility				
		A/B MAC			D M E M A C	C E D I
		A	B	H H H		
9095.2	MLN Article: A provider education article related to this instruction will be available at http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/ shortly after the CR is released. You will receive notification of the article release via the established "MLN Matters" listserv. Contractors shall post this article, or a direct link to this article, on their Web sites and include information about it in a listserv message within 5 business days after receipt of the notification from CMS announcing the availability of the article. In addition, the provider education article shall be included in the contractor's next regularly scheduled bulletin. Contractors are free to supplement MLN Matters articles with localized information that would benefit their provider community in billing and administering the Medicare program correctly.	X	X			

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Section A: Recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements: N/A

"Should" denotes a recommendation.

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:

Section B: All other recommendations and supporting information: N/A

V. CONTACTS

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Post-Implementation Contact(s): Contact your Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).

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ATTACHMENTS: 0

Medicare National Coverage Determination Manual

Chapter 1 – Coverage Determinations

50.6 Tinnitus Masking

(Rev.181, Issued: 03-27-15, Effective 12-18-14, Implementation: 04-06-15)

Effective December 18, 2014, NCD 50.6 is deleted.

160.4 Stereotactic Cingulotomy as a Means of Psychosurgery

(Rev.181, Issued: 03-27-15, Effective 12-18-14, Implementation: 04-06-15)

Effective December 18, 2014, NCD 160.4 is deleted.

160.6 Carotid Sinus Nerve Stimulator

(Rev.181, Issued: 03-27-15, Effective 12-18-14, Implementation: 04-06-15)

Effective December 18, 2014, NCD 160.6 is deleted.

160.9 Electroencephalographic (EEG) Monitoring During Open-Heart Surgery

(Rev.181, Issued: 03-27-15, Effective 12-18-14, Implementation: 04-06-15)

Effective December 18, 2014, NCD 160.9 is deleted.

190.4 Electron Microscope

(Rev. 181 Issued: 03-27-15, Effective 12-18-14, Implementation: 04-06-15)

Effective December 18, 2014, NCD 190.4 is deleted.

220.7 Xenon Scan

(Rev.181, Issued: 03-27-15, Effective 12-18-14, Implementation: 04-06-15)

Effective December 18, 2014, NCD 220.7 is deleted.

220.8 Nuclear Radiology Procedure

(Rev.181 Issued: 03-27-15, Effective 12-18-14, Implementation: 04-06-15)

Effective December 18, 2014, NCD 220.8 is deleted.