

**U.S. House and Senate Notification**  
**Thursday, February 24, 2011**

**To: Authorizing Committee Staff**

**From: Amy Hall, Director, Office of Legislation**  
**Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services**

**Re: Coverage of MRI for Beneficiaries with Certain Implanted Devices in Clinical Studies**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced today that magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) for beneficiaries with implanted permanent pacemakers (PMs) or implantable cardioverter defibrillators (ICDs) will be covered by Medicare through Coverage with Evidence Development (CED)/Coverage with Study Participation (CSP) in approved clinical studies. The studies must actively assess in their protocols whether individual patients experience harms from MRI exposure. In addition, a study must address whether the use of MRI in patients with PMs and ICDs significantly improves health outcomes or physician decision making in the Medicare population.

For further details, please view the final decision memorandum posted on the CMS Web site at [https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/details/nca-decision-memo.aspx?&NcaName=Magnetic%20Resonance%20Imaging%20\(MRI\)%20\(2nd%20Recon\)&bc=BEAAAAAAEAAA&NCAId=246&ver=8&](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/details/nca-decision-memo.aspx?&NcaName=Magnetic%20Resonance%20Imaging%20(MRI)%20(2nd%20Recon)&bc=BEAAAAAAEAAA&NCAId=246&ver=8&).

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Thank you.