

Title: Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillators

Decision: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has determined that the evidence is sufficient to conclude that changes to the criteria used for coverage of implantable cardioverter defibrillators are appropriate.

What this means: Medicare currently covers implantable cardioverter defibrillators. This recent decision makes changes to patient criteria, diagnostic imaging, removing a requirement of specific medical event(s) for specific therapy, and waiting period requirements. Check with your physician to find out how your situation would meet the changes for coverage.

Effective: 2/15/18

For more information, contact Customer Services at the phone number on your member ID card.

This announcement can be found at: [Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillators](#)

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