

Title: Vagus Nerve Stimulation (VNS) for Treatment Resistant Depression (TRD)

Decision: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is expanding Medicare coverage to include FDA approved vagus nerve stimulation (VNS) devices for treatment resistant depression (TRD). Treatment resistant depression is depression that has not been treatable using several medications, psychotherapy or Electroconvulsive Therapy.

What this means: VNS devices for TRD are now covered when offered in a CMS approved clinical trial. Check with your physician to find out how your situation would meet the requirements and criteria for coverage.

Effective: 2/15/19

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

This announcement can be found at: [Vagus Nerve Stimulation for Treatment Resistant Depression](#)

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