Title: Cardiac Contractility Modulation (CCM) for Heart Failure (CAG-00469N)

Decision: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is establishing a National Coverage Determination (NCD) to cover cardiac contractility modulation (CCM) for heart failure management under Coverage with Evidence Development (CED). The implantation of CCM may be covered for heart failure management when furnished according to an FDA market-authorized indication, the patient meets all CMS coverage criteria, and the CCM and related services are furnished within a CMS-approved CED study. CCM for heart failure management is not covered for patients outside of a CMS-approved study. Nothing in this NCD would prevent coverage of CCM for heart failure management through NCD 310.1 (Clinical Trial Policy) or through an Investigational Device Exemption (IDE) study.

What this means: Coverage of CCM for heart failure management was previously subject to Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) local coverage determinations, when applicable, or at the discretion of HealthPartners. CCM for heart failure management may now be covered for individuals who meet the criteria outlined in the Medicare NCD. Please refer to the final decision memo for all coverage criteria.

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This announcement can be found at: <u>Cardiac Contractility Modulation for Heart Failure (CAG-00469N)</u>

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