

Title: Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillators (CAG-00157R4)

Decision: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will modify the existing National Coverage Determination (NCD) 20.4 for the use of implantable cardioverter defibrillators (ICDs, also referred to as defibrillators). CMS is finalizing minimal changes to patient criteria and exceptions to waiting periods.

What this means: Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillators may be covered for members who meet the new coverage indications. Please refer to the final decision memo for all coverage criteria.

Effective: February 15, 2018

This announcement can be found at: [Decision Memo for Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillators \(CAG00157R4\)](#)

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