

**Title:** Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) for Medicare Beneficiaries with Advanced Cancer (CAG-00450N)

**Decision:** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has determined that Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) as a diagnostic laboratory test is reasonable and necessary and covered when performed in a CLIA-certified laboratory, ordered by a treating physician, and all applicable coverage requirements are met.

**What this means:** Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) may be covered for members with advanced cancer who meet the new coverage indications. Please refer to the final decision memo for all coverage criteria.

**Effective:** March 16, 2018

This announcement can be found at: [Decision Memo for Next Generation Sequencing \(NGS\) for Medicare Beneficiaries with Advanced Cancer \(CAG-00450N\)](#)

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