



## Clinical Claim Review

# Automatic Implantable Cardiac Defibrillators

Reduce coverage violation risk.

The automatic implantable cardiac defibrillator (AICD) is an electronic device designed to detect and treat life-threatening arrhythmias. Medicare coverage for AICDs is governed by a National Coverage Determination (NCD) – one that might cost you.

In 2015, the Department of Justice announced more than \$250 million in settlements related to AICD Medicare coverage violations.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) implemented the NCD. In 2015, the

Department of Justice announced settlements involving 457 hospitals in 43 states for more than \$250 million related to cardiac devices that were implanted in Medicare patients in violation of Medicare coverage requirements.

According to NCD, in order to meet criteria for an implantable automatic defibrillator, a patient must *not* have had:

- An enzyme positive myocardial within the past 40 days; or
- A coronary artery bypass graft or percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty within the past three months.

The medical purpose of a waiting period – 40 days for a heart attack and 90 days for bypass/angioplasty – is to give the heart an opportunity to improve function on its own to the point that an implantable automatic defibrillator may not be necessary.

HMS reviews inpatient and outpatient claims reimbursed for procedures involving insertion of implantable automatic defibrillators within the required waiting period. If a review of the medical record confirms that the procedure was performed within the waiting period, HMS identifies all costs associated with the procedure as an overpayment.

### Advantages

- Advanced analytics target high-value cases for review
- Clinical reviewers with knowledge of cardiac pathophysiology

### Features

- Post-payment review approach; can also be performed on a pre-payment basis if client reimbursement allows
- No member liability associated with findings
- Customized to reflect your reimbursement policy and/or specific provider contract terms
- Full support for rebuttals and appeals

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