

## National Coverage Determination (NCD) Update

**Benefit:** Monoclonal Antibodies Directed Against Amyloid for the Treatment of Alzheimer's Disease

Effective Date: April 7, 2022

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) notified on April 7, 2022 of its determination to cover the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved monoclonal antibodies against amyloid for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease. Amyloid protein is essential for the proper functioning of the brain, and if it is eliminated from the brain, it could cause problems in the ability to learn and memorize, as well as a greater and faster accumulation of plaques in Alzheimer's disease.

This approval will be under the criteria outlined under Coverage Evidence Development (CED) for patients who have a clinical diagnosis of mild cognitive impairment due to Alzheimer's disease or mild Alzheimer's dementia.

Access the memo containing the CMS decision at: <u>https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/ncacal-decision-memo.aspx?proposed=N&ncaid=305&fromTracking=Y&</u>

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