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Update for National Coverage Determinations (NCD) Implantable pulmonary artery pressure sensors

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) notified on January 13, 2025, that it will cover implantable pulmonary artery pressure sensors for the management of heart failure under evidence development coverage (CED), in accordance with indications approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) when the following conditions are met:

A. The patient must meet all the following criteria:

1. Diagnosis of a chronic heart failure classified as mild (Class I) or moderate (Class II) at least 3 months duration according to the New York Heart Association in the last 30 days, before the implantation of the sensors, regardless of the amount of blood expelled with each beat in the left ventricle.
2. History of hospitalizations or emergency room visits requiring diuretics, due to heart failure within the past 12 months, or elevated heart protein levels in the last 30 days.
3. On guideline-directed drug therapy for at least 3 months, with the goal of achieving optimization of this therapy before implantation of pulmonary artery pressure sensors.
4. Evaluated and received, if appropriate, for an implantable defibrillator, cardiac resynchronization therapy (CRT), pacemaker (CRT-P), or CRT defibrillator (CRT-D). Device implantation must be performed at least 3 months before implantation of the pulmonary artery pressure sensors.
5. No major cardiovascular events (unstable angina, myocardial infarction, coronary intervention, open heart surgery, or stroke) within the last 3 months prior to implantation of pulmonary artery pressure sensors.
6. Has reliable connectivity access to ensure daily collection and submission of data from pulmonary artery pressure sensors.
7. Not having had pulmonary artery pressure sensors implanted during an admission to treat an episode of heart failure.

B. The physician must meet the following criteria, as applicable:

1. Physicians who refer and manage Medicare patients after implantation must be

cardiologists with training and experience in the management of heart failure.

2. Physicians who implant pulmonary artery pressure sensors must have training and experience in pulmonary artery catheterization and intervention.

C. Coverage with Evidence Development Criteria

1. Services related to implantable pulmonary artery pressure sensors must be performed only within the context of a Medicare-approved study, for those patients who meet the criteria under the study protocol.

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