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Providing Medicare with Data for Certain Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillators (ICDs)

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Provider Types Affected

Physicians and other providers needing to register Medicare patients receiving the Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator (ICD) as primary prevention of sudden cardiac death

Key Points

- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has entered into an agreement with the American College of Cardiology National Cardiac Data Registry (ACC-NCDR) and has determined that its ICD Registry satisfies Medicare's requirements for reporting data on primary prevention ICDs.
- On April 30, 2006, CMS will stop accepting data on the ICD Abstraction Tool through the Quality Network Exchange (QNet <http://qnetexchange.org/public>) because the ACC-NCDR is available.
- Providers must begin using the ACC-NCDR to satisfy the National Coverage Determination (NCD) requirements for primary prevention ICDs.
- Hospitals should contact ACC-NCDR by January 1, 2006, to ensure that enrollment is complete by April 2006. The ACC-NCDR only enrolls hospitals, but all provider types will need to work together, because all are responsible for ensuring that data is reported to the registry.
- Information is available on the web at <http://www.accncdr.com/webncdr/ICD> or by telephone at 1-800-253-4636, ext. 451.
- Use of the QR modifier for physician and hospital outpatient claims remains the same. The QR modifier should continue to be appended to claims for ICD insertion when data is reported on the procedure. Data reporting, and, therefore, the QR modifier, is required for claims of primary prevention ICDs.

Important Links

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0578.pdf>

The NCD discussing the clinical characteristics for primary prevention and the data reporting requirement for beneficiaries receiving ICDs for the primary prevention of sudden cardiac arrest is available at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/downloads/ncd103c1_Part1.pdf on the CMS web site.