



## Flu Shot Reminder

As a respected source of health care information, patients trust their doctors' recommendations. If you have Medicare patients who haven't yet received their flu shot, help protect them by recommending an annual influenza and a one time pneumococcal vaccination. Medicare provides coverage for flu and pneumococcal vaccines and their administration. – And don't forget to immunize yourself and your staff. **Protect yourself, your patients, and your family and friends.** Get Your Flu Shot. Remember - Influenza vaccination is a covered Part B benefit. Note that influenza vaccine is NOT a Part D covered drug. For more information about Medicare's coverage of adult immunizations and educational resources, go to CMS's website: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0667.pdf>.

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## Cardiac Output Monitoring by Thoracic Electrical Bioimpedance (TEB)

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### Provider Types Affected

Physicians who bill Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs), or Medicare carriers for services to Medicare beneficiaries.

### Background

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reconsidered the Medicare coverage policy for TEB for drug-resistant hypertension and decided to retain current coverage as written in section 20.16 of the National Coverage Determinations (NCD) Manual.

Effective for dates of service on and after November 24, 2006, the current policies for cardiac output monitoring by TEB listed at section 20.16 of the NCD Manual will remain the same. Medicare A/B MACs and carriers will continue to make reasonable and necessary determinations for the use of TEB related to drug-

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resistant hypertension only. All other coverage and non-coverage policies at section 20.16 remain in effect.

## Additional Information

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If you have questions, please contact your Medicare A/B MAC or carrier at their toll-free number which may be found at:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.

For complete details regarding this Change Request (CR) **including the revised section of 20.16 of the NCD manual**, please see the official instruction (CR5414) issued to your Medicare A/B MAC or carrier. That instruction may be viewed by going to <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R63NCD.pdf> on the CMS website.

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