

## Medicare National Coverage Determination (NCD)

### **Topic: Microvolt T-Wave Alternans (MTWA)**

**Decision:** Microvolt T-wave Alternans (MTWA) testing is a non-invasive diagnostic test that detects minute electrical activity in a portion of the electrocardiogram (ECG) known as the T-wave. MTWA testing has a role in the stratification of patients who may be at risk for sudden cardiac death (SCD) from ventricular arrhythmias.

**What this means:** Effective for claims with dates of service on and after January 21, 2015, and later.

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**This announcement can be found at:**

Coverage Transmittal Link

<http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/transmittals/downloads/R182NCD.pdf>

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