

Medicare National Coverage Determination (NCD)

Topic: Percutaneous Left Atrial Appendage Closure (LAAC)

Decision: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) covers percutaneous LAAC for non-valvular atrial fibrillation (NVAF) through Coverage with Evidence Development (CED) with the conditions stated in the NCD.

What this means: LAAC is non-covered for the treatment of NVAF when not furnished under CED according to the noted criteria in the NCD.

For more information, contact Customer Service at the number listed on your ID card.

This announcement can be found at:

<https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R192NCD.pdf>

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