

Medicare National Coverage Determination (NCD)

Topic: Vagus Nerve Stimulation (VNS)

Decision: CMS will cover VNS.

What this means: Effective for claims with dates of service on or after February 15, 2019, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services covers Food and Drug administration-approved vagus nerve stimulator devices for treatment-resistant depression through Coverage with Evidence Development when all reasonable and necessary criteria are met.

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

This announcement can be found at:

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/R10145NCD.pdf>

Effective date: February 15, 2019