

Change to National Coverage Determination may affect your Medicare coverage

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) sometimes change the coverage rules that apply to an item or service under Medicare. When this happens, CMS issues a National Coverage Determination, or NCD.

NCDs tell us:

- What benefits and services are covered
- What benefits and services are changing
- What Medicare will pay for an item or service

CMS recently issued an update to the NCD that applies to the following service:

Transcatheter Edge-to-Edge Repair (TEER) of the mitral valve (previously named Transcatheter Mitral Valve Repair (TMVR))

Here is a description of the change to the NCD. This affects services given **on or after January 19, 2021**

Services affected	Additional information
<p>The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued an NCD to update Transcatheter Edge-to-Edge Repair (TEER) of the mitral valve (previously named Transcatheter Mitral Valve Repair (TMVR))</p>	<p>Transcatheter Edge-to-Edge Repair (TEER) of the mitral valve (previously named Transcatheter Mitral Valve Repair (TMVR)) is used in the treatment of mitral regurgitation (MR). TEER approximates the anterior and posterior mitral valve leaflets by grasping them with a clipping device in an approach similar to a treatment developed in cardiac surgery called the Alfieri stitch.</p> <p>Effective January 19, 2021, Medicare expanded coverage of mitral valve TEER procedures for the treatment of functional mitral regurgitation (MR) and maintained coverage of TEER for the treatment of degenerative MR through coverage with evidence development (CED) and with mandatory registry participation.</p>

We're here to help you

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