



CMS opens National Coverage Determination (NCD) analysis for remote implantable hemodynamic monitoring for heart failure (HF).

The American Association of Heart Failure Nurses (AAHFN) would like to support CMS in creating national coverage criteria to ensure long-term, predictable, and consistent use of CardioMEMS implant for heart failure patient management. Heart failure as a chronic condition can cause periods of instability which lead to increased mortality, hospitalizations, and emergency room visits. CardioMEMS, as an implantable pulmonary artery pressure sensor, allows for longitudinal monitoring of patients with heart failure to address changes in clinical status quickly and effectively and thus improve quality of care, reduce mortality, hospitalizations, and healthcare costs. Due to inconsistent coverage criteria, many patients with HF are not able to receive this therapy, despite evidence showing it's benefit. Ensuring CardioMEMS is available to patients with heart failure will only improve patient outcomes; allowing more patients who meet standard criteria to be eligible for this monitoring device. As an organization committed to improving outcomes for patients with heart failure, we support ensuring all appropriate patients receive this therapy, when indicated.

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[NCA - Implanted Pulmonary Artery Pressure Sensor for Heart Failure Management \(CAG-00466N\) \(cms.gov\)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare/coverage/nca/2024/nca-00466n)

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