Title: Percutaneous Left Atrial Appendage (LAA) Closure Therapy (CAG-00445N)

Decision: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) covers percutaneous left atrial appendage closure (LAAC) for non-valvular atrial fibrillation (NVAF) through Coverage with Evidence Development (CED) with specific conditions.

What this means: Medicare will cover items and services necessary for research under Coverage with Evidence Development for members enrolled in a CMS approved registry.

Effective: February 8, 2016

For more information, contact Customer Services at the phone number on your member ID card.

This announcement can be found at: Percutaneous Left Atrial Appendage (LAA) Closure Therapy
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