Title: Percutaneous Image-guided Lumbar Decompression (PILD) for Lumbar Spinal Stenosis (CAG-00433R)

Decision: The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) will continue the coverage of Percutaneous Image-guided Lumbar Decompression (PILD) for Lumbar Spinal Stenosis (LSS) through Coverage with Evidence Development (CED) and expand coverage to include prospective longitudinal study PILD procedures using an FDA-approved/cleared device that successfully completed a CMS-approved Randomized Clinical Trial (RCT).

What this means: Percutaneous Image-guided Lumbar Decompression (PILD) for Lumbar Spinal Stenosis is considered an experimental procedure. It has only been approved when it is part of a clinical study that has met specific criteria. This update now allows the use of an FDA-approved device that has successfully completed a randomized controlled study and is now part of a prospective longitudinal study that is monitoring its use over time to watch for any adverse outcomes or side effects. Check with your surgeon to find out if your situation would meet additional required criteria for coverage through a CMS-approved prospective longitudinal study.

Effective: 12/7/16

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This announcement can be found at: Percutaneous Image-guided Lumbar Decompression for Lumbar Spinal Stenosis
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