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Medicare Beneficiaries Win in CMS Decision to Continue Local Coverage Determination Policies for Cardiac Computed Tomography Angiography

The Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography (SCCT) is pleased that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will not issue a national coverage determination at this time for cardiac computed tomography angiography (CCTA). Rather, the agency will allow the local coverage determination process to remain in force. This is exactly what SCCT and its members advocated for in comments to the agency and to Congress.

Daniel S. Berman, MD, President-Elect of SCCT, says that “Heart disease is the leading killer of men and women in this nation. CMS acted responsibly in allowing local coverage determinations to remain in place. Medicare beneficiaries deserve access to the most accurate, non-invasive test for the detection of coronary artery disease to prevent heart attack and sudden death.”

Berman commends CMS for its decision to reconsider this issue. “The proposed national coverage determination would have severely restricted beneficiary access to CCTA. In reconsidering its decision, CMS has done the right thing toward their goal of providing excellent, cost-effective health care for the American people.”

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About the Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography

SCCT is the recognized representative and advocate for physicians, scientists, and technologists who work in the field of cardiovascular computed tomography. With over 4500 members, SCCT is nationally and internationally viewed as the principal independent organization committed to the further development of cardiovascular computed tomography through education, training, accreditation, quality control, and research.

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