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CMS PROPOSES TO COVER ACUPUNCTURE FOR CHRONIC Low back pain for medicare beneficiaries enrolled in Approved studies

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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) recently posted an update in which they propose to cover acupuncture for Medicare patients with chronic back pain who are enrolled participants in either clinical trials that are sponsored by the National Institute of Health or in CMS-approved studies. Acupuncture is currently not covered by Medicaid. The goal of this proposal is to provide Medicare beneficiaries with a potential alternative treatment to opioid usage; however, this has the potential to drive up the costs of Medicare Set-Asides.

We will continue to monitor this proposed change on behalf of our clients. \hfill



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