Clinician Checklist
Automatic External Defibrillator - Nonwearable

Policy References: Local Coverage Determination Automatic External Defibrillators (L33690) and Policy Article (A52458)

Documentation References: Standard Documentation Requirements Policy Article (PA) A55426

The treating clinician must complete the following items:
☐ Standard Written Order (SWO)
☐ Medical record documentation requirements (see below)

Medical Documentation

The beneficiary must have one of the following conditions:
☐ Documented episode of cardiac arrest due to ventricular fibrillation, not due to a transient or reversible cause
☐ Sustained (lasting 30 seconds or longer) ventricular tachyarrhythmia, either spontaneous or induced during an electrophysiologic (EP) study, not associated with acute MI, and not due to a transient or reversible cause
☐ Familial or inherited conditions with a high risk of life-threatening ventricular tachyarrhythmia such as long QT syndrome or hypertrophic cardiomyopathy
☐ Coronary artery disease with a documented prior MI with a measured left ventricular ejection fraction ≤ 0.35, and inducible, sustained ventricular tachycardia (VT) or ventricular fibrillation (VF) during an EP study. The MI must have occurred more than 4 weeks prior to the prescribing of the defibrillator, and the EP test must have been performed more than 4 weeks after the qualifying MI
☐ Documented prior MI and a measured left ventricular ejection fraction ≤ 0.30.
☐ Has an ischemic dilated cardiomyopathy, documented prior MI, New York Heart Association (NYHA) Class II and III heart failure, and measured left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF) ≤ 35%
☐ Has nonischemic dilated cardiomyopathy > 3 months, NYHA Class II and III heart failure, and measured LVEF ≤ 35%
☐ Meets one of the above criteria and has NYHA Class IV heart failure and
☐ Implantation surgery is contraindicated; or
☐ Has a previously implanted defibrillator now requiring explantation.

Beneficiary must not have:
☐ Cardiogenic shock or symptomatic hypotension while in a stable baseline rhythm; or
☐ Had a coronary artery bypass graft (CABG) or percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty (PTCA) within past 3 months; or
☐ Had an enzyme-positive MI within past month; or
☐ Clinical symptoms or findings that would make them a candidate for coronary revascularization; or
☐ Irreversible brain damage from preexisting cerebral disease; or
☐ Any disease (e.g. cancer, uremia, liver failure) other than cardiac disease associated with a likelihood of survival less than one year

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