

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

A wearable Automatic External Defibrillator is covered if the beneficiary has one of the following:

- A documented episode of ventricular fibrillation or a sustained (lasting 30 seconds or longer) ventricular tachyarrhythmia. These dysrhythmias may be either spontaneous or induced during an electrophysiologic (EP) study, but may not be due to a transient or reversible cause and not occur during the first 48 hours of acute myocardial infarction (MI)
- Familial or inherited conditions with a high risk of life-threatening ventricular tachyarrhythmia such as long QT syndrome or hypertrophic cardiomyopathy
- Either a documented prior MI or dilated cardiomyopathy and a measured left ventricular ejection fraction ≤ 0.35
- A previously implanted defibrillator now requiring explantation

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