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:
- Conduct and document a Face-to-Face Evaluation (FTF)
- Complete a 5 Element Order (5EO)
- Sign and date a detailed written order (DWO)
- 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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