

Intravenous Immune Globulin (IVIG) Demonstration for Primary Immune Deficiency Disease

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) launched a demonstration project for Medicare beneficiaries with Primary Immune Deficiency Disease (PIDD) in October, 2014. We're asking for your help in spreading awareness of this demonstration to all Medicare beneficiaries being treated for PIDD and to suppliers, like yourself, who provide services for patients with PIDD.

By statute, the demonstration is limited to no more than 4,000 beneficiaries and no more than \$45 million, including all costs for services, implementation, and evaluation of the demonstration. The demonstration will continue as long as funding remains available or the enrollment limit is reached. Effective July 1, 2016 CMS has contracted with Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC, as the implementation support contractor to assist with outreach and implementation of this demonstration. Under this demonstration, Medicare will reimburse a bundled payment for items and services necessary for administering IVIG in the home. CMS isn't changing existing coverage determinations for IVIG, or any services and supplies otherwise not covered under the Medicare Part B (medical insurance) benefit.

To participate in this demonstration, a beneficiary must complete, sign and submit a special demonstration application. Both the beneficiary and his or her physician must sign the completed application in order to be considered. Additional information about the demonstration, including beneficiary eligibility, enrollment application, listserv sign-up, and educational materials are available on the demonstration website, <http://med.noridianmedicare.com/web/ivig>. Participation is voluntary and the beneficiary may withdraw at any time. Participation won't impact any other Medicare benefits the beneficiary receives. Only beneficiaries who have Part B and are covered under the traditional Medicare fee-for-service program (i.e., not enrolled in a Medicare Advantage or other Medicare health plan) are eligible to participate. Beneficiaries who are covered under a home health episode of care may enroll but services under the demonstration will only be covered once the home health episode ends.

There are educational materials that can be distributed to beneficiaries who may be interested in the demonstration. The materials are available at Noridian's demonstration website:
<http://med.noridianmedicare.com/web/ivig>

Also, please visit the Medicare Intravenous Immune Globulin (IVIG) Demonstration web page at: <http://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/IVIG/> to join the IVIG demonstration listserv and find the most current information about the demonstration.

Best regards,

Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC
Demonstration Support Contractor

