

### **CMS Issues Draft Medicare Coverage Decisions**

CMS recently released draft decision memos on four Medicare coverage issues of interest to ACC. The first, involving [cardiac rehabilitation](#) would expand the range of conditions for which the procedure is covered and would clarify some issues related to physician supervision. The second would maintain the current policy regarding [external counterpulsation \(ECP\)](#), instead of expanding coverage to patients with a variety of conditions including heart failure and acute MI. The third proposal recommends covering [Microvolt T-Wave Alternans \(MTWA\)](#) for patients at risk for sudden cardiac death only using the spectral analytic method. Finally, the fourth proposal would deny coverage of nesiritide for the treatment of chronic heart failure in Medicare beneficiaries. The ACC has commented on all four proposals. For more information contact Rebecca Kelly at [rkelly@acc.org](mailto:rkelly@acc.org). Click on the links above to view the proposals.