

**Title:** Transcatheter Mitral Valve Repair (TMVR) (CAG-00438R)

**Decision:** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is making changes to their National Coverage Determination (NCD) for Transcatheter Mitral Valve Repair (TMVR) (20.33).

- They are renaming the NCD to Transcatheter Edge-to-Edge Repair (TEER) for mitral valve regurgitation to more specifically identify the covered procedure.
- CMS is broadening coverage of TEER to Medicare beneficiaries with moderate-to-severe or severe functional mitral regurgitation (FMR) under select conditions designed to address gaps in existing evidence and optimize patient outcomes.
- This expansion of coverage maintains coverage of TEER for the treatment of significant symptomatic degenerative mitral regurgitation (DMR) according to an FDA-approved indication, under coverage with evidence development (CED).
- CMS is also modifying some requirements around patient evaluation, facility infrastructure, heart team composition and procedural volume requirements for TEER.
- CMS is clarifying that TEER is non-covered in patients with untreated severe aortic stenosis because intervention to the mitral valve may be unnecessary after the aortic stenosis is addressed.

**What this means:** TEER continues to be covered for beneficiaries with degenerative mitral regurgitation (DMR), when applicable criteria are met, and the procedure is performed as part of a clinical trial. TEER is now also covered for beneficiaries with functional mitral regurgitation (FMR), when applicable criteria are met, and the procedure is performed as part of a clinical trial. TEER is not covered for beneficiaries with untreated severe aortic stenosis. Please refer to the final decision memo for all coverage criteria.

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This announcement can be found at: [Decision Memo for Transcatheter Mitral Valve Repair \(TMVR\) \(CAG-00438R\)](#)

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