



June 27, 2018

**Re: Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy coverage policy update,
effective October 1, 2018**

We routinely review our coverage, reimbursement, and administrative policies for potential updates. In that review, we take into consideration one or more of the following: evidence-based medicine, professional society recommendations, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) guidance, industry standards, and our other existing policies.

As a result of a recent review of our Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy (CRT) coverage policy, we will require precertification for services billed with Current Procedural Terminology (CPT[®]) codes 33224 and 33225.

We currently require precertification for the insertion or replacement of a single or dual chamber defibrillator (CPT 33249), but not for the resynchronization process. Please note that precertification requests for all services billed with CPT codes 33224, 33225, and 33249 will be reviewed by a cardiologist for medical necessity. These changes are effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2018.

Additional information

For more information about our policies, please visit the Cigna for Health Care Professionals website at CignaforHCP.com (Resources > Clinical Reimbursement Policies and Payment Policies > Coverage Policy Updates).

If you are not a registered user, please register so you may log in and access all of our coverage, reimbursement, and administrative policies. Go to CignaforHCP.com and click "Register Now." If you do not have Internet access or would like additional information, please call Cigna Customer Service at 1.800.88Cigna (882.4462).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "JB Kessel MD".

Julie B. Kessel, MD
Senior Medical Director

At a glance

- We will require precertification for CRT services billed with CPT codes 33224 and 33225.
- Precertification is already required for CPT code 33249.
- A cardiologist will review all CRT precertification requests billed with CPT codes 33224, 33225, and 33249.
- These changes are effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2018.
- The CRT coverage policy is available on CignaforHCP.com.

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