

**WPS Government Health Administrators J5 Contractor Advisory Committee
Meeting Transcript**

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Richard Staley

Dr. Stauffer, we are ready to go.

Dr. Brad Stauffer:

All right, thank you very much. Welcome everybody, welcome to the J5 Medicare Administrative CAC meeting. We're going to go ahead and get started today right away into the Uh, local LCDs, and I will hand it over to Dr. Kettler, who is handling both of our LCDs today, and we will start there and then we'll go into the rest of the meeting.

Dr. Robert Kettler:

Okay, thank you Brad, this portion of the meeting is to take comment on the draft LCDs that we are introducing. I will go through the LCDs one at a time, and then at that point, Rich can take comments on them. And I believe, Rich, correct me if I'm wrong, but all that people have to do if they want to comment on the LCDs is unmute themselves and speak. Is that correct?

Richard Staley

You are correct: panelists can unmute at any time.

Dr. Robert Kettler:

Okay, then the first draft LCD that we have is DL38839. It's titled Non-Invasive Fractional Flow Reserve, or FFR, for Stable Ischemic Heart Disease. And this is actually an existing LCD. What we have done is we have modified the coverage indications, limitations, and medical necessity sections to better align with some new guidelines by the American Heart Association, American College of Cardiology and other organizations. And so with that, are there any comments on this LCD?

Okay, hearing none, I would just remind everyone that the comment period for this LCD is open until March 12. And so if you wish to comment on it outside the CAC meeting, you can send your comments to policycomments@wpsic.com.

The next LCD is Draft LCD DL35490. This is titled the Category III Codes. And we received a request to add coverage of Parkinson's disease to the CPT code 0398T. 0398T is a Category III code that indicates focused ultrasound for the non-invasive creation of an intracranial stereotactic ablation lesion for the treatment of various movement disorders. And as I say, we had a request to add coverage for Parkinson's disease. And so that is the change that has been made on this LCD.

Are there any comments?

Okay, seeing none again, I would just remind everyone that the comment period for this Draft LCD is also open until March 12, and if you wish to make comments on this, you can submit them by email to policycomments@wpsic.com.

And that concludes the LCD portion of our meeting. Rich, can excuse the public attendees, and they can get on with their evening. And Dr. Stauffer, I'm going to turn it back to, you.

Dr. Brad Stauffer:

All right, thank you. Dr Kettler.

Richard Staley

And Dr. Stauffer, I would just hold off for one moment, so that I can disconnect the public lines and I will let you know when we are ready to continue.

Dr. Brad Stauffer:

Absolutely, thank you.