

MAC Subcommittee

2-level cervical artificial disc replacement recommendation

July 17, 2020

The Medical Advisory Committee's (MAC) subcommittee for 2-level cervical artificial disc replacement met virtually on July 17, 2020 to make a recommendation to the MAC regarding the compensability of a 2-level cervical artificial disc replacement.

The subcommittee concluded that FDA approved 2-level cervical artificial disc is:

- Not experimental, i.e., the scientific method has been applied and has been completed;
- Proven, i.e., the evidence demonstrates efficacy in studies;
- Scientific, i.e., scientific method has been applied; and
- Not outmoded, i.e., is within the current standard of care

Based on its assessment, the subcommittee recommends that a cervical artificial disc replacement at two contiguous levels should no longer be excluded from compensability, if the device received FDA approval for a 2-level replacement.

The subcommittee further recommends that the appropriateness criteria listed in OAR 436-010-0230(16) be updated at a future date.