

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

MEDCAC Meeting 5/16/2012 - Evidentiary Characteristics for Coverage with Evidence Development (CED)

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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has convened this meeting for the panel to review desirable characteristics of evidence appropriate for Coverage with Evidence Development (CED). CED provides Medicare payment for items and services while generating clinical data to demonstrate their impact on health outcomes. While CED has produced some gains in innovation, our experience over the last few years indicates we still have room to improve the CED process. Our intended outcome is to mature CED so that it fulfills its potential as a mechanism that simultaneously supports evidence based innovation and enables CMS to make better informed evidentiary decisions that improve health outcomes for Medicare beneficiaries.