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Dear Dr. Gray & Dr. Doshi,

Thank you for your study protocol submission and request for coverage under Coverage with Evidence Development (CED) for Percutaneous Left Atrial Appendage Closure (LAAC) Therapy. After careful review by our multidisciplinary team of your proposed CED study, "An Evaluation of the Safety and Effectiveness of the Conformal CLAAS System for Left Atrial Appendage Occlusion", NCT # 05147792 the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has determined that it fulfills the requirements of the National Coverage Determination (NCD) 20.34 for LAAC.

You must notify us of any substantial changes to the protocol, such as sample size revisions. The ClinicalTrials.gov website must be kept up to date. Please remember that the results of your research should be published in peer-reviewed journals. We may use these results in future coverage decisions.

To facilitate the Medicare payment process, you should provide your study sites with appropriate billing instructions. These include entering the National Clinical Trial (NCT) identifier from the ClinicalTrials.gov website on Medicare claims along with the other codes and modifiers provided in the NCD claims processing instructions.

We appreciate your commitment to research and evidentiary development to improve care for Medicare beneficiaries. Please direct any questions to Melissa Evans at [melissa.evans@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:melissa.evans@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

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