First Coast Service Options, Inc.

JN Open Meeting

Thursday, September 25, 1 p.m.

Topics:

DL40289 – Non-invasive arterial duplex ultrasound of the upper and lower extremities

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PRESENTERS

No registered presenters

PRESENTATION

Mandy McGarvey

Good afternoon. I'm Mandy McGarvey, and I will be your WebEx host for today's Open Meeting. Before we get started, I want to take a moment to remind everyone that this meeting is being recorded. At this time, I'm going to turn things over to Contractor Medical Director Dr. Vishnu Potini.

Dr. Vishnu Potini

Thank you, Mandy. Good afternoon. I would like to welcome everyone to First Coast's September open meeting. My name is, Dr. Vishnu Potini. And joining me today are my Novitas and First Coast colleagues, Dr. Anitra Graves, Dr. Megan Landsverk, Dr. Janet Lawrence, and Dr. Peter Goldzweig.

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We are holding today's open meeting to provide you with an opportunity to present your comments on revisions made in response to an LCD reconsideration request. Open meetings allow interested parties the opportunity to present information and offer comments related to the new proposed LCDs and/or the revised portion of a proposed LCD during the 45-day comment period. The proposed LCD topic for today's meeting is DL40289- Non-Invasive arterial duplex ultrasound of the upper and lower extremities.

During today's meeting, interested parties will make presentations of information related to the proposed LCD. Please remember, today's call is being recorded, and we request that all formal comments be submitted in writing before the end of the comment period on October 25, 2025. We encourage you to submit full-text, published evidence supporting your recommendations that have not been previously submitted. This is a critical component in effecting any change. At this time, I'd like to turn the meeting over to our medical policy nurse, Alyssa Smith, who will provide a brief overview of the proposed LCD DL40289 for Non-Invasive arterial duplex ultrasound of the upper and lower extremities.

Alyssa Smith

Thank you, Dr. Potini. This local coverage determination (LCD) was contractor-initiated and developed to provide an evidence-based policy for the use of non-invasive arterial duplex for the assessment of arteries in the upper and lower extremities. The proposed policy and its related billing and coding article are available for review on our website as well as on the CMS Medicare Coverage Database website.

Arterial duplex ultrasound is a safe and non-invasive imaging study that employs traditional ultrasound technology to identify vascular structures and characteristics, and high-frequency sound waves, to examine blood flow and velocity within the arteries. Arterial duplex scans, doppler ultrasounds, and physiologic studies, are diagnostic modalities used to investigate clinical findings indicative of suspected arterial dysfunction, arterial occlusion, and/or arterial aneurysms.

The policy outlines the coverage criteria for arterial duplex ultrasound imaging in the upper and lower extremities. The rationale for determination is based on the summary and analysis of evidence as referenced in the accompanying bibliography.

Dr. Vishnu Potini

Since we have no presenters, I would like to thank everyone for their participation in today’s Open meeting and remind you to submit comments in writing before the end of the comment period on October 25, 2025.

 This meeting is adjourned.