

## **CMS Response to Public Comments Received for CMS-R-290**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received the following comments from a professional society and an organization representing health insurance plans relating to CMS –R-290.

### **Comment**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received comments from a professional medical society who expressed opinions on the Medicare National Coverage Determination (NCD) Process to include “reasonable and necessary”, accelerating the reconsideration process and validation of some existing policies.

### **Response**

CMS appreciates the comments on the NCD process and will take them under advisement for the future. However, the comments do not address collection of information which is the focus of this notice.

### **Comment**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received comments from a medical industry association who suggested additions to the Medicare National Coverage Determination (NCD) Process to include clear guidelines for the Medicare Evidence Development and Coverage Advisory Committee; cost effectiveness analysis and a yearly review of NCDs with updates and maintenance.

### **Response**

CMS thanks the commenter on the NCD process and will take them under advisement for the future. However, the comments do not address collection of information which is the focus of this notice.