



Clinical Trials	You asked us to cover a clinical trial for –enter type of trial–. Clinical trials are not covered benefits through your Health Plan or Medical Group, however, original Medicare covers the routine costs of qualifying clinical trials for all Medicare enrollees, including those enrolled in Medicare Advantage plans, as well as reasonable and needed items and services used to diagnose and treat complications arising from participating in qualifying clinical trials. Please contact 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) or TTY TDD at 1-877-486-2048 for more information and further assistance regarding the you asked for clinical trial.	Note Change: Use NDMC:	http://www.cms.gov/medicare/medicare-eligibility/medicare-eligibility-requirements/medicare-eligibility-requirements-20180101.pdf (Section 4915)	(specific to the study) The medical records were reviewed and (nature of procedure and why it is experimental) Experimental medical and surgical procedures are not covered by the plan unless you, under A Medicare – approved clinical research study.
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medHOK UI: Status	Assigned IKA Auth_Status_Code
Auth_Status	Assigned IKA_Reason
Cancelled	Data Entry Error
Cancelled	Duplicate Auth
Cancelled	Not Eligible to Reopen
Cancelled	OTO-Not Finalized
Cancelled	Withdrawn
Cancelled	any status reason not listed above including blank

Notification (MI/Member)

NO need for notification from MI/Mtr (EC language)
MM process – no activity needed
Claims should have billing codes in the claim – report expectation that the provider codes correctly – this goes to recover side
Type 2 & 3: Fund – do not pay option in MK (Change Request)

Applies to Type 1, 2, 3

We discussed this issue with Drs. Lubwin and Hammash and this is SCAN's position:
SCAN or the MG (depending on risk) may cover one (1) specialist referral for consult (in-network or out-of-network) to determine if a member is a possible candidate for a Medicare-approved clinical trial. This is similar to a referral for second opinion below normal process for consultation based on case by case basis – IOC indicates that the member can access without authorization.
SCAN or the MG will not cover the costs of additional services and tests solely to determine whether the member will qualify for the clinical trial. Coverage is for consult only.
Once a member is enrolled in a Medicare approved clinical trial (signed consent form), Original Medicare is responsible for all subsequent routine clinical trial costs.