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- *Part B Drugs*

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will now recognize the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) Drugs & Biologics Compendium as an additional source of information in determining which drugs should be covered under Medicare Part B when used to treat patients undergoing cancer treatment through chemotherapy. CMS will no longer use the now obsolete American Medical Association Drug Evaluations (AMA-DE) compendium as a source for making these decisions. The Compendia List and related CMS Press Release can be found on the CMS website at:

Compendia List: http://www.cms.hhs.gov/CoverageGenInfo/02_compendia.asp

CMS Press Release Link:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/apps/media/press/release.asp?Counter=3145&>