

Modern Healthcare

'NEVER EVENTS'

ON CONDITION

Hospitals are preparing for a new policy starting Oct. 1 in which Medicare will not reimburse for 11 conditions the agency deemed to be preventable. The conditions are:

- Air embolism
- Blood incompatibility
- Catheter-associated urinary-tract infection
- Certain manifestations of poor control of blood sugar levels
- Deep-vein thrombosis or pulmonary embolism after total knee and hip replacements
- Falls/trauma
- Objects left in during surgery
- Pressure ulcers
- Surgical-site infections after certain orthopedic and bariatric surgeries
- Surgical-site infections after coronary artery bypass graft
- Vascular catheter-associated infection

Source: CMS