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To the Editor:

On January 25, 2012, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) convened a meeting of the Medicare Evidence Development and Coverage Advisory Committee (MEDCAC) to review the evidence on the management of patients with carotid atherosclerosis with particular reference to revascularization. We are gratified that MEDCAC’s recommendations reflect those in the “2011 ASA/ACCF/AHA/AANN/AANS/ACR/CNS/SAIP/SCAI/SIR/SNIS/SVM/SVS Guideline on the Management of Patients With Extracranial Carotid and Vertebral Artery Disease.”

The MEDCAC decision reaffirms the utility and validity of the multidisciplinary guideline that has been endorsed by these organizations as a sound basis for clinical practice.

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