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CARDIAC REHABILITATION CRITERIA (MEDICARE)

Medically supervised cardiac rehabilitation program is medically necessary when it is individually prescribed by a physician within a 24-week (6-month) window after any of the following:

- Acute myocardial infarction; **OR**
- Coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG); **OR**
- Percutaneous coronary vessel remodeling (i.e., angioplasty, atherectomy, stenting); **OR**
- Valve replacement or repair; **OR**
- Heart transplantation; **OR**
- Major pulmonary surgery, great vessel surgery, or MAZE arrhythmia surgery; **OR**
- Sustained ventricular tachycardia or fibrillation, or survivors of sudden cardiac death; **OR**
- Class III or IV congestive heart failure unresponsive to medical therapy; **OR**
- Chronic stable angina pectoris unresponsive to medical therapy which prevents the member from functioning optimally to meet domestic or occupational needs (particularly with modifiable coronary risk factors or poor exercise tolerance).