

SAMPLE APPEAL LETTER FOR THE LUX-DX™ IMPLANT

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Instructions for completing the sample appeal letter:

1. Please customize the request for coverage template based on the medical appropriateness of the LUX System for your patient. Fields required for customization are **highlighted in yellow**.
2. Review and understand the health plan's coverage guidelines; your letter needs to clearly indicate the patient's conditions applicable to the health plan's coverage guidelines.

[Date]

Attention:

Reference number:

[Insurance Company name]

[Insurance Company address]

[Fax:]

RE: Patient Name: [redacted]
Policy Holder Name: [redacted]
Patient ID #: [redacted]
Policy, Group, or Claim # [redacted]

RE: Request for Coverage for Subcutaneous Cardiac Rhythm Monitor (LUX-DX™) Implant

To Whom It May Concern:

I am contacting you on behalf of my patient, [name] to request approval for coverage on [date] for the implant of the implantable subcutaneous cardiac rhythm monitor (the LUX-DX™). This letter documents the medical necessity for this therapy and provides information about the patient's medical history and treatment, as well as a description of the procedure.

The LUX-DX System Therapy

The LUX-Dx™ Insertable Cardiac Monitor (ICM) is intended to monitor and record subcutaneous ECG (S-ECG). The recorded S-ECG is used for the clinical evaluation and diagnosis of cardiac arrhythmias. The LUX-Dx is indicated for use in patients that have a known heart condition and are at risk of developing an abnormal heart rhythm, or have symptoms that may suggest a cardiac arrhythmia, such as dizziness, palpitations, syncope, chest pain, and/or shortness of breath.

Medical Rationale for the LUX-DX System

My patient is at risk for [redacted] and qualifies for implantation of a subcutaneous cardiac rhythm monitor in accordance with established clinical evidence, guidelines and national coverage guidance.

Under FDA labeling, subcutaneous cardiac rhythm monitors (also known as implantable loop recorders [ILRs] or insertable cardiac monitors [ICMs]) are indicated for adults at risk of developing an abnormal heart rhythm or have symptoms that may suggest a cardiac arrhythmia such as dizziness, palpitations, syncope, chest pain, and/or shortness of breath. Subcutaneous cardiac rhythm monitors address an otherwise unmet clinical need through uninterrupted, long-term cardiac monitoring for patients with symptoms which recur too infrequently to be detected by shorter-term external monitoring modalities. Subcutaneous cardiac rhythm monitors have been covered by Medicare since 2004 under the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services [\(CMS\) National Coverage Determination \(NCD\) for Electrocardiographic Services \(20.15\)](#)

Potential Benefits of the SCRM

[Physician to provide any additional comments supporting their choice (both physician and patient) for implant of the SCRM.]

I feel that [patient name] will benefit greatly from a subcutaneous cardiac rhythm monitor implant. [His/Her] quality of life and well-being is greatly impacted. In addition to _____, [patient] also suffers from [list all other health-related conditions that patient suffers from and include diagnoses that apply. Provide a brief description of patient's therapies, including medical management, to date].

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I ask that you approve coverage of the LUX -DX™ implant for my patient based on the above arguments and the medical necessity for this procedure. This procedure is supported by both my patient and my medical judgment. **Patient name** is medically appropriate for this procedure, and we request that approval be granted for surgery and all related services as soon as possible. Please feel free to call me at **physician's phone number**. Thank you in advance for your immediate attention to this request.

Sincerely,

[Physician Name]

[Practice Name]

[Phone Number]

Enclosures

- History and physical
- MD order and progress notes
- Pertinent test reports with written interpretation
- Office/progress notes

Additional Clinical bibliography for the Subcutaneous Cardiac Rhythm Monitor

1. Bisignani A. et al, Implantable loop recorder in clinical practice [J Arrhythm](#). 2019 Feb; 35(1): 25–32.
2. [2021 ISHNE/HRS/EHRA/APHRS Collaborative Statement on mHealth in Arrhythmia Management: Digital Medical Tools for Heart Rhythm Professionals | Heart Rhythm Society \(hrsonline.org\)](#)