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In other news ... • If you've grown frustrated with having to accept different policies from different Medicare carriers when collecting for sleep apnea testing, your troubles will soon be over.

That's because CMS has changed its tune and decided to establish a national policy that allows payment for these tests when a physician is initially diagnosing obstructive sleep apnea.

"This coverage decision establishes nationally consistent coverage and assures that beneficiaries who have sleep apnea can be appropriately diagnosed and referred for treatment," said CMS Acting Administrator **Charlene Frizzera** in a March 3 statement.

To read the new policy, visit www.cms.hhs.gov/mcd/viewdecisionmemo.asp?id=227.