# MEDICAL PRE-AUTHORIZATION CRITERIA

## Ventricular Assist Device (VAD)

### CPT/HCPCS Codes
- 33975, 33976, 33977, 33978, 33980, 33981, 33983, 93750, C1900, Q0478, Q0479, Q0480, Q0481, Q0482, Q0483, Q0484, Q0485, Q0486, Q0487, Q0488, Q0489, Q0490, Q0491, Q0492, Q0493, Q0494, Q0495, Q0496, Q0497, Q0498, Q0499, Q0500, Q0501, Q0502, Q0503, Q0504, Q0506

### Criteria for Bridge to Transplant

**MUST MEET ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:**

1. The individual has severe end-stage heart failure.
2. One of the following conditions applies:
   a. The individual is undergoing a heart transplant evaluation;
   b. The individual has been approved and listed as a candidate for a heart transplant.

### Criteria for Destination Therapy

**MUST MEET ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:**

1. The individual has severe end-stage heart failure (New York Heart Association Class IV left ventricular failure).
2. The individual is not a candidate for heart transplantation.
3. The individual meets the following conditions:
   a. Beneficiary has failed to respond to optimal medical management (including beta-blockers and ACE inhibitors) for at least 45 of the last 60 days, or has been balloon pump dependent for 7 days, or IV inotrope dependent for 14 days, and
   b. Beneficiary has left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF) < 25%, and
   c. Beneficiary has demonstrated functional limitation with peak oxygen consumption of less than or equal to 14 ml/kg/min unless balloon pump or inotrope dependent or physically unable to perform the test.

### References

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