



## What's the buzz...?

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### Exciting News!

Some of you may have already heard our exciting news! Our daughter Torrie, whom many of you have worked with over the years, was recently married. We are so blessed to have been part of Torrie and Will Gerken's big day and are excited for Mrs. Gerken's new chapter.



## Medicare expands coverage of Alzheimer's drugs...

with some restrictions

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) recently announced a new proposal to cover certain Alzheimer's medications under Part B of Medicare. **"If the FDA grants *traditional approval* CMS is prepared to ensure anyone with Medicare Part B who meets the criteria is covered"**, according to a statement by CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure.

**NOTE:** The drug Leqembi looks to be the first in this class to potentially be covered, possibly as soon as July. Leqembi and Aduhelm have received *accelerated* approval from the FDA. This new proposal requires *traditional* FDA approval.

Additional Medicare eligibility is based on CMS' National Coverage Determination criteria:

1. Be enrolled in Medicare Part B
2. Be diagnosed with mild cognitive impairment or early dementia caused by Alzheimer's disease, **and**
3. Have a qualified physician participating in a *registry*, that collects and reports how the drug works in the real world (through a CMS-facilitated portal)

Given over 5 million Medicare beneficiaries suffer from Alzheimer's disease, all eyes will be tracking this proposal and looking for positive outcomes for this deserving population.



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