

MCD Indexes

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MCD Indexes

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Agenda: A Review of the MCD Indexes

National and Local Documents

MAC Contacts

Part I: National Coverage Documents


- ❖ NCAs
- ❖ CALs
- ❖ NCDs
- ❖ Meetings and Assessments
- ❖ Medicare Coverage Documents

Part II: Local Coverage Documents and Contacts

- ❖ Local Coverage Determinations
- ❖ Local Coverage Articles
- ❖ Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) Contacts

Part I National Coverage Indexes

- ❖ The National Coverage Index includes 5 sections, 6 document types, and other information. The most searched are the NCAs, CALs, and NCDs. The page changes often given the ability to add content by end user (Public Comment) or by CMS (MCD Categories).

 **Indexes**

Indexes provide users with pre-defined lists of National and Local Coverage documents. You may begin by selecting National Coverage or Local Coverage and then selecting a particular Index. Use the [Advanced Search](#) feature if you are looking for a particular National or Local Coverage document.

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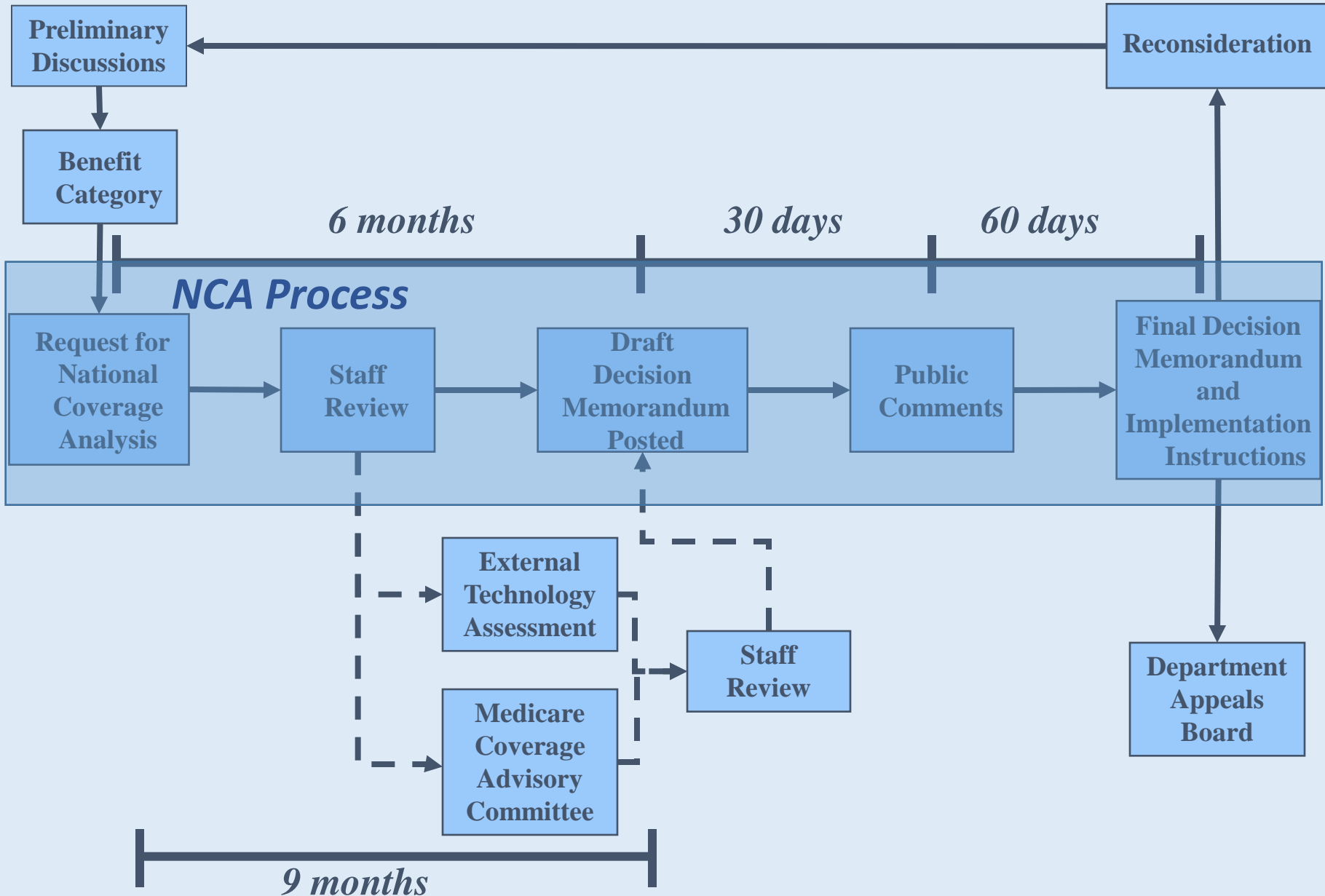
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National Coverage Analyses (NCAs)

NCAs outline the process of reviewing information on the path to making a National Coverage Determination (NCD). Within an NCA, you will find the tracking sheet, a proposed decision memorandum and the final decision memorandum.

- ❖ Open NCA – the process is underway and a decision has not yet been made.
- ❖ Closed NCA – the final decision memorandum has been issued.
- ❖ NCAs Open For Public Comment – one of the public comment periods in the NCA process is currently accepting comments.

Medicare National Coverage Lifecycle



Open NCAs

- ❖ Open NCAs are listed alphabetically in the MCD Index.
- ❖ They typically include sections for documents, contacts and the history of the consideration.
- ❖ A **COMMENT** button indicates the NCA is Open for Public Comment.
- ❖ The **PDM** display note indicates that the Proposed Decision Memo associated to an NCA is open for public comment.

Open NCAs Alphabetical Index Results [5 Records]

Select a link: 0-9 A B C D E F G **H** I J K **L** M N O **P** Q R **S** T U V W X Y Z

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NCA TITLE	SELECT ALL
H Hyperbaric Oxygen (HBO) Therapy (Section C, Topical Oxygen) (1st Recon)	<input type="checkbox"/>
L Leadless Pacemakers	<input type="checkbox"/>
P Percutaneous Image-guided Lumbar Decompression for Lumbar Spinal Stenosis (1st Recon) PDM	<input type="checkbox"/>
S Screening for Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) Infection	<input type="checkbox"/>
Supervised Exercise Therapy (SET) for Symptomatic Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD)	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Open NCAs

- ❖ Click on the Tracking Sheet link for specific NCA information.
- ❖ View the Public Comments link to review comments submitted to CMS.
- ❖ An associated NCD will be shown here.
- ❖ To view the historical documents, click on the History of Considerations links.

Select the **Print Complete Record**, **Add to Basket** or **Email Record** Buttons to print the record, to add it to your basket or to email the record. If the record is open for public comment, select the **Comment** Button to submit a public comment.

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[Email Record](#)
[Comment](#)

Documents

[Tracking Sheet](#)
[View Public Comments](#)
[NCD for Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy \(20.29\)](#)

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Contact(s)

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410-786-5702

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History of Considerations

[Original Consideration for Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy for Hypoxic Wounds and Diabetic Wounds of the Lower Extremities \(CAG-00060N\)](#)
[First reconsideration for Hyperbaric Oxygen \(HBO\) Therapy \(Section C, Topical Oxygen\) \(this document\)](#)

Open NCAs

- ❖ This slide displays the sections within the Tracking Sheet.
- ❖ The sections have been collapsed in order to view the entire Tracking Sheet. Users can expand or collapse each section in the Tracking Sheet.

National Coverage Analysis (NCA) Tracking Sheet for Hyperbaric Oxygen (HBO) Therapy (Section C, Topical Oxygen) (CAG-00060R)

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The “Issue” link displays the body of the NCA

Closed NCAs

- ❖ Like open NCAs, closed NCAs also are listed alphabetically in the MCD Index.
- ❖ The **[216 Records]** notation in the blue banner indicates the number of currently closed NCAs.
- ❖ Users can click on the blue highlighted letters below to find a specific NCA by name.

Closed NCAs Alphabetical Index Results [216 Records]

Select a link: 0-9 **A** B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Please Note: Only displaying linked letters for which there are records.

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NCA TITLE	SELECT ALL
A Abarelix for the Treatment of Prostate Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Actinic Keratoses	<input type="checkbox"/>
Acupuncture for Fibromyalgia	<input type="checkbox"/>
Acupuncture for Nausea after Chemotherapy and Post-operative Pain	<input type="checkbox"/>

Closed NCAs

- ❖ Unlike Open NCAs, the **Documents** section in Closed NCAs includes a link called “Decision Memo”. The link opens to the Decision Summary which provides the final disposition, rationale, history, evidence and review of the NCA.

Documents

[Tracking Sheet](#)

[Proposed Decision Memo - 12/17/2004](#)

[Decision Memo - 03/15/2005](#)

[View Public Comments](#)


[NCD for Abarelix for the Treatment of Prostate Cancer \(110.19\)](#)

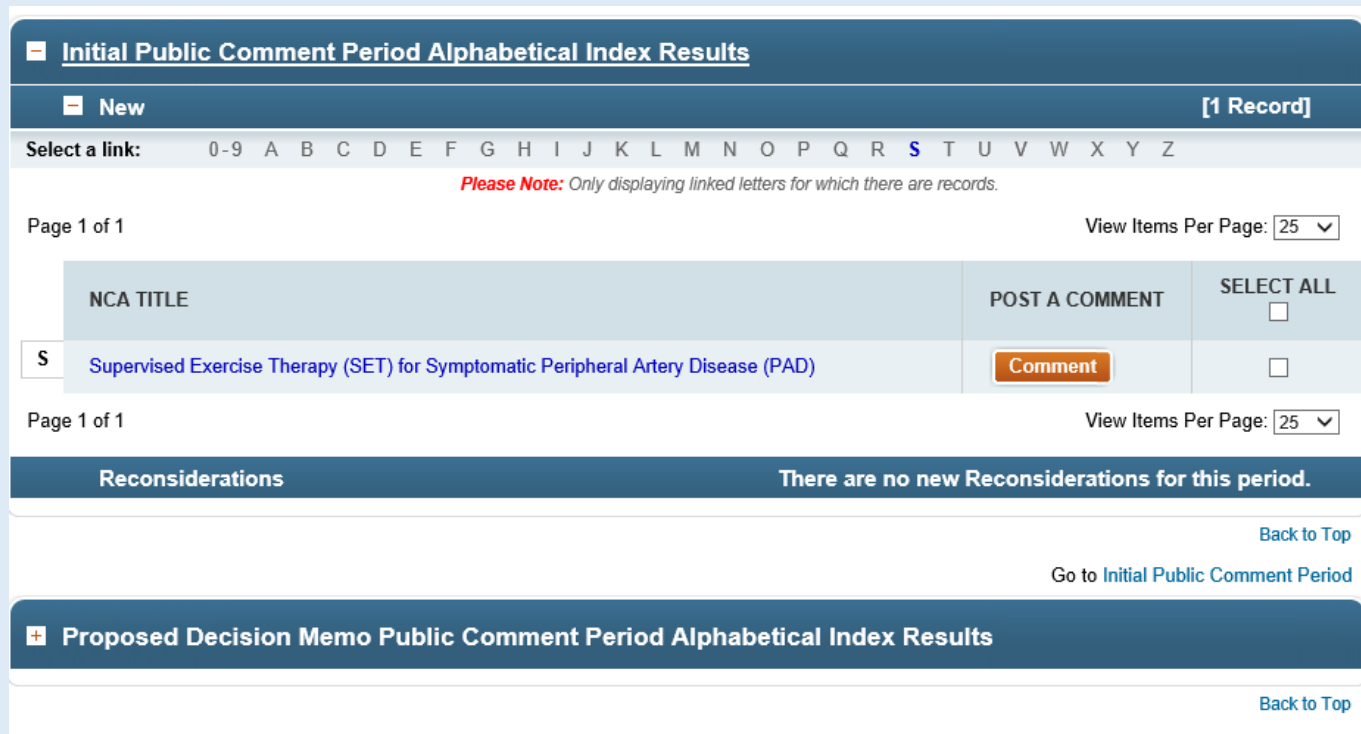
Decision Summary

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has made the following determinations regarding the use of abarelix in the treatment of patients with prostate cancer.

- 1) Consistent with the specifications of the FDA labeling, the evidence is adequate to conclude that abarelix is reasonable and necessary as a palliative treatment in patients with advanced symptomatic prostate cancer in whom gonadotropin-releasing hormone (GnRH) agonist therapy is not appropriate, who decline surgical castration, and who present with one of the following:
 - (a) risk of neurological compromise due to metastases,
 - (b) ureteral or bladder outlet obstruction due to local encroachment or metastatic disease, or
 - (c) severe bone pain from skeletal metastases persisting on narcotic analgesia.

NCA Open for Public Comment

- ❖ Open NCAs in this section have two (2) comment periods during their life cycle. So, they are divided into two (2) tables: One for the Initial Comment Period; and one for the Proposed Decision Memo (PDM) Public Comment Period.
- ❖ It's easy to know when an NCA is in a comment period as the  button displays on the main page.
- ❖ NCAs in this section also are listed in alphabetical order.



Initial Public Comment Period Alphabetical Index Results

New [1 Record]

Select a link: 0-9 A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R **S** T U V W X Y Z

Please Note: Only displaying linked letters for which there are records.

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NCA TITLE	POST A COMMENT	SELECT ALL
S Supervised Exercise Therapy (SET) for Symptomatic Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD)	Comment	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Reconsiderations There are no new Reconsiderations for this period.


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[Go to Initial Public Comment Period](#)

Proposed Decision Memo Public Comment Period Alphabetical Index Results

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NCA's Open for Public Comment

To post a comment, click on the  button which opens the Submit a Public Comment page.

The CMS PHI Posting Policy must be read and the disclaimer box checked before submitting a comment.

Submit A Public Comment

Please use the form below to submit your comment. When your comment is received, you will receive an e-mail confirmation. For more information about the public comment process, please visit our [Public Comment](#) page.

An asterisk (*) indicates a required field.

Please note: The "CMS PHI Posting Policy" link below **MUST** be clicked on and the policy read before the "I have read and understand..." checkbox can be checked. None of the data entry fields will be enabled until the policy is read and the checkbox selected.

[CMS PHI Posting Policy](#)

I have read and understand the CMS policy regarding redaction of PHI.

Identification

*First Name:

*Last Name:

Title:

Organization:

*Email:

For Example: yourname@isp.com

Title of NCA: Supervised Exercise Therapy (SET) for Symptomatic Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD) (00449N)

*Comment:

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Additional Information

*Address #1:

Address #2:

*City:

*State:

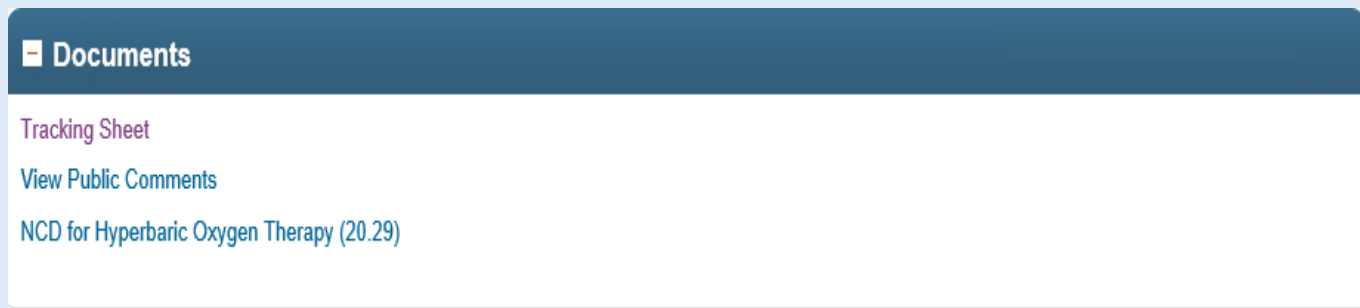
*Zip Code:

Phone: -

Fax:

NCA Open for Public Comment

- ❖ Once your comments are submitted to CMS, they are reviewed for content and then posted to the MCD.
- ❖ Comments are included in the Documents section of the NCAs. Click on the “View Public Comments” link to see all comments submitted for the NCA.



Coding Analyses for Labs (CALs)

- ❖ Typically, CALs are divided into two (2) indexes: Open and Closed. However, there can be a third option when there are CALs open for Public Comment.
- ❖ CALs look much like NCAs; however, they list ICD-10 codes and/or CPT codes that either Support or Do Not Support Medical Necessity.
- ❖ Note that no new CALs have been opened since the transition from ICD-9 CM Codes to ICD-10 CM codes. Users should use the following link to access ICD-10 Codes: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coverage/CoverageGenInfo/ICD10.html>
- ❖ CALs follow a process similar to NCAs, although usually on an accelerated timeline.

Open CALs Alphabetical Index Results
There are no Open CALs

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[Go To Open CALs](#)

Closed CALs Alphabetical Index Results
[37 Records]

Select a link: 0-9 A **B** C D E F **G** H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Please Note: Only displaying linked letters for which there are records.

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View Items Per Page:

	CAL TITLE	SELECT ALL
B	Blood Counts (Addition of ICD-9-CM Codes V77.1, V81.0, V81.1, and V81.2 to the list of Codes that Do Not Support Medical Necessity)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Blood Counts (Revision of CPT Codes)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Blood Glucose Testing (Revision of ICD-9-CM Codes for Osteomyelitis)	<input type="checkbox"/>
C	Codes That Are Not Covered by Medicare (Removal of ICD-9-CM Code V76.44, Prostate Cancer Screening, From the List)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Coding Guidelines for Urine Culture	<input type="checkbox"/>
G	Glycated Hemoglobin/Glycated Protein (Addition of CPT Code 83037, Hemoglobin; glycosylated [A1c] by device cleared by FDA for home use)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Glycated Hemoglobin/Glycated Protein (Addition of ICD-9-CM 271.3, Intestinal disaccharidase deficiencies and disaccharide malabsorption)	<input type="checkbox"/>

National Coverage Determinations

- ❖ An NCD sets forth the extent to which Medicare will cover specific services, procedures, or technologies on a national basis. Medicare contractors are required to follow NCDs.
- ❖ If an NCD does not specifically exclude/limit an indication or circumstance, or if the item or service is not mentioned at all in an NCD or in a Medicare manual, it is up to the Medicare contractor to make the coverage decision (LCD).
- ❖ NCDs are listed in alphabetical order.
- ❖ Users can click on the blue highlighted letters to find a specific NCD by name.

National Coverage Determinations

- ❖ This slide displays the sections within the NCD
- ❖ The sections have been collapsed in order to view the entire NCD. Users can expand or collapse each section in the NCD.

National Coverage Determination (NCD) for Acupuncture for Fibromyalgia (30.3.1)

Select the **Print Complete Record**, **Add to Basket** or **Email Record** Buttons to print the record, to add it to your basket or to email the record.

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National Coverage Determinations

❖ Tracking Information

- Administrative information about the NCD

❖ Description Information

- This is the 'meat' of the NCD.

❖ Transmittal Information

- Transmittal number and link

❖ Revision History

- Details about the changes/updates made to the NCD over the years

❖ National Coverage Analyses (NCAs)

- Links to NCAs that have been opened based on the NCD

❖ Additional Information

- Links to previous versions of the NCD

National Coverage Determinations

- ❖ When the decision memo of an NCA calls for changes to an NCD, the changes will be shown in red font for one year after the implementation date.

Description Information

Benefit Category
Additional Preventive Services

Please Note: This may not be an exhaustive list of all applicable Medicare benefit categories for this item or service.

Item/Service Description

A. General

Medicare covers a screening pelvic examination and Pap test for all female beneficiaries at 12 or 24 month intervals, based on specific risk factors. See 42 C.F.R. § 410.56; Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual, § 210.2.1 Current Medicare coverage does not include the HPV testing. Pursuant to §1861(ddd) of the Social Security Act, the Secretary may add coverage of "additional preventive services" if certain statutory requirements are met.

Indications and Limitations of Coverage

B. Nationally Covered Indications

Effective for services performed on or after July 9, 2015, CMS has determined that the evidence is sufficient to add Human Papillomavirus (HPV) testing once every five years as an additional preventive service benefit under the Medicare program for asymptomatic beneficiaries aged 30 to 65 years in conjunction with the Pap smear test. CMS will cover screening for cervical cancer with the appropriate U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved/cleared laboratory tests, used consistent with FDA approved labeling and in compliance with the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act (CLIA) regulations.

C. Nationally Non-Covered Indications


Unless specifically covered in this NCD, any other NCD, by statute or regulation, preventive services are non-covered by Medicare.

D. Other

N/A

(This NCD last reviewed July 2015.)

Claims Processing Instructions

- [TN 3460 \(Medicare Claims Processing\)](#) 

MEDCAC Meetings

- ❖ As part of the NCA process, CMS may hold meetings with the Medicare Coverage Advisory Committee (MEDCAC).
- ❖ The MEDCAC index contains information for meetings dating from 1999 to the present.
- ❖ Users can select to view all years, single years, or multiple years.
- ❖ The MEDCAC meeting information contains agendas, minutes, transcripts and other relevant meeting information.

Technology Assessments

- ❖ For some NCDs, external TAs are requested through the Agency for Health Research and Quality (AHRQ).
- ❖ TAs are listed alphabetically.
- ❖ Each TA is linked to the relevant NCA or MEDCAC meeting.

Medicare Coverage Documents

- ❖ MCD Categories supplement National Coverage Documents with further information and provide users with resources to better understand the National Coverage processes.
- ❖ Click on any category for further information.

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Potential National Coverage Determination (NCD) Topics	[1 Record]

Part II: Local Coverage Documents

- ❖ The Local Coverage Index is comprised of three sections: LCDs, Articles, and Contacts.
- ❖ The LCDs and Articles Index each include a List of LCDs/Articles: By Contractor, By State and LCDs/Articles listed alphabetically.
- ❖ To open an LCD or Article in the Index click on the Document Title.

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Articles by Contractor	[1045 Records]
Articles by State	[1045 Records]
Articles Listed Alphabetically	[1045 Records]
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Contacts for Part A and B - Medicare Administrative Contractor (A and B MAC)	[65 Records]
Contacts for Part A and B and Home Health and Hospice- Medicare Administrative Contractor (A and B and HHH MAC)	[26 Records]
Contacts for Part B - Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC - Part B)	[11 Records]
Contacts for Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractor (DME MAC)	[6 Records]
Contacts for Home Health and Hospice (HHH)	[3 Records]

LCD Indexes

- ❖ There are 3 LCD Indexes: LCDs by Contractor; LCDs by State; and LCDs Listed Alphabetically.
- ❖ Click on the link to open a specific Index.
- ❖ The Records notation **[1217 Records]** indicates the number of LCDs in the Index.

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LCDs by State	[1217 Records]
LCDs Listed Alphabetically	[1217 Records]

LCDs by Contractor Index

- ❖ Click on the LCDs by Contractor link on the main Index page.
- ❖ Then select a contractor and the types of LCDs to view.

Local Coverage

Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) [1217 Records]

LCDs by Contractor [1217 Records]

LCDs by Contractor Index Browser

***Select Contractor(s)**
Select at least one contractor.

Please Note: You may select one or more contractors by holding the CTRL key and selecting with the mouse.

Select Contractor(s)

- All Contractors
- Cahaba Government Benefit Administrators®, LLC (10101, A and B MAC, J - J)
- Cahaba Government Benefit Administrators®, LLC (10102, A and B MAC, J - J)
- Cahaba Government Benefit Administrators®, LLC (10201, A and B MAC, J - J)
- Cahaba Government Benefit Administrators®, LLC (10202, A and B MAC, J - J)
- Cahaba Government Benefit Administrators®, LLC (10301, A and B MAC, J - J)
- Cahaba Government Benefit Administrators®, LLC (10302, A and B MAC, J - J)
- CGS Administrators, LLC (15004, HHH MAC)
- CGS Administrators, LLC (15101, MAC - Part A)
- CGS Administrators, LLC (15102, MAC - Part B)
- CGS Administrators, LLC (15201, MAC - Part A)
- CGS Administrators, LLC (15202, MAC - Part B)
- CGS Administrators, LLC (17013, DME MAC, J-B)
- CGS Administrators, LLC (18003, DME MAC, J-C)

***Document types to further refine your search by:**

- All LCDs
 - Active LCDs
 - Retired LCDs
 - Future LCDs/Future contract number LCDs
 - All Proposed/Draft LCDs
 - Proposed/Draft LCDs released to final LCDs
 - Proposed/Draft LCDs not released to final LCDs

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LCDs by Contractor Index

- ❖ This Index is retrieving Active LCDs, Future LCDs and Proposed LCDs released to Final LCDs from WPSIC.

Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) by Contractor Index

Use the scroll box below to select the Contractor name(s) and select the **Submit** Button to view a list of states that the specified LCD Contractor(s) services. You can then select the Contractor name to view LCDs for that Contractor. You can also select the **Print Report** Button to print the entire results table.

Please Note: This Index does not display superseded document versions. If you are looking for older/superseded document versions, then you can use the Date criteria on the [Advanced Search](#).

LCDs by Contractor Index Browser

*Select Contractor(s)

Select at least one contractor.

Please Note: You may select one or more contractors by holding the CTRL key and selecting with the mouse.

Palmetto GBA (11202, A and B and HHH MAC, J - M)
Palmetto GBA (11301, A and B and HHH MAC, J - M)
Palmetto GBA (11302, A and B and HHH MAC, J - M)
Palmetto GBA (11401, A and B and HHH MAC, J - M)
Palmetto GBA (11402, A and B and HHH MAC, J - M)
Palmetto GBA (11501, A and B and HHH MAC, J - M)
Palmetto GBA (11502, A and B and HHH MAC, J - M)
Wisconsin Physicians Service Insurance Corporation (05101, MAC - Part A)
Wisconsin Physicians Service Insurance Corporation (05102, MAC - Part B)
Wisconsin Physicians Service Insurance Corporation (05201, MAC - Part A)
Wisconsin Physicians Service Insurance Corporation (05202, MAC - Part B)
Wisconsin Physicians Service Insurance Corporation (05301, MAC - Part A)
Wisconsin Physicians Service Insurance Corporation (05302, MAC - Part B)
Wisconsin Physicians Service Insurance Corporation (05401, MAC - Part A)
Wisconsin Physicians Service Insurance Corporation (05402, MAC - Part B)

*Document types to further refine your search by:


- All LCDs
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 - Proposed/Draft LCDs not released to final LCDs

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LCDs by Contractor Index

- ❖ The first section of the Results Page includes the Contractor Name and the option to further define the retrieval of LCDs.



Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) for Wisconsin Physicians Service Insurance Corporation

Use the browser below to select the LCD type you would like to see for the selected Contractor. Select the LCD Title to view the details page for the specific record. You can also select items using their corresponding check boxes in the right column. After selecting the check boxes you can print the selected items or add them to your basket by selecting the **Print Selected** or **Add to Basket** Buttons.

Please Note: This Index does not display superseded document versions. If you are looking for older/superseded document versions, then you can use the Date Criteria on the [Advanced Search](#).

LCDs for Contractor Browser

An asterisk (*) indicates a required field.

***Document types to further refine your search by:**


- All LCDs
 - Active LCDs
 - Retired LCDs
 - Future LCDs/Future contract number LCDs
 - All Proposed/Draft LCDs
 - Proposed/Draft LCDs released to final LCDs
 - Proposed/Draft LCDs not released to final LCDs

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0 Document(s) Selected

[Expand All](#) | [Collapse All](#) [Go To Proposed/Draft LCDs](#)

LCDs by Contractor Index

- ❖ The next section lists the LCDs by Type:
 - Final LCDs which include Future LCDs; and,
 - Draft LCDs Released to Final LCDs.
- ❖ Each section displays the number of LCDs found for the Query and the Selection Criteria.
- ❖ The user can determine if the LCD is “Currently In Effect” or has a “Future Effective Date” by the actual date in the “Effective Date” column.
- ❖ Click on the LCD Title to open the document.
- ❖ The list of LCDs can be ordered in a variety of ways by clicking on the  column arrow icons. The results page defaults to an Alpha Listing. Click on the ID arrow, will list the LCDs IDs either ascending or descending.

Final LCDs for Contractor Results								[57 Records]
Your Selection Criteria Were:		Contractor: Wisconsin Physicians Service Insurance Corporation Document Type(s): Active LCDs; Future LCDs/Future contract number LCDs; Proposed/Draft LCDs released to final LCDs						
Page 1 of 3		Enter Page: <input type="text"/> Go to page	First Prev 1 2 3 Next Last			View Items Per Page: 25		
ID	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE	REVISION EFFECTIVE DATE	END DATE	LAST UPDATED	STATUS	SELECT ALL	
L36408	Allergy Immunotherapy	03/18/2016	03/18/2016	N/A	05/17/2016	Active	<input type="checkbox"/>	
L36402	Allergy Testing	03/18/2016	03/18/2016	N/A	07/19/2016	Active	<input type="checkbox"/>	
L35124	Autonomic Function Testing	10/01/2015	09/01/2016	N/A	08/23/2016	Active	<input type="checkbox"/>	
L34648	Bisphosphonate Drug Therapy	10/01/2015	10/01/2015	N/A	02/16/2016	Active	<input type="checkbox"/>	
L34528	Blepharoplasty, Blepharoptosis and Brow Lift	10/01/2015	10/01/2015	N/A	04/19/2016	Active	<input type="checkbox"/>	

57 LCDs found for this portion of the query

LCDs by Contractor Index

- ❖ In this example, there are no Proposed/Draft LCDs that have been released to Final LCDs for WPSIC at this time.

Proposed/Draft LCDs for Contractor Results No records returned for this section.

Your Selection Criteria Were: Contractor: Wisconsin Physicians Service Insurance Corporation
Document Type(s): Active LCDs; Future LCDs/Future contract number LCDs; Proposed/Draft LCDs released to final LCDs

Proposed/Draft Status Legend: RTF=Proposed/Draft LCDs released to final LCDs.
- An LCD ID in the Final LCD ID column indicates that it is an active policy, the notice period is complete and the policy is in effect.
- No LCD ID in the Final LCD ID column indicates that it is a final new/revised policy currently in notice period.
NRTF=Proposed/Draft LCDs not released to final LCDs

There are no Policies for this selection.

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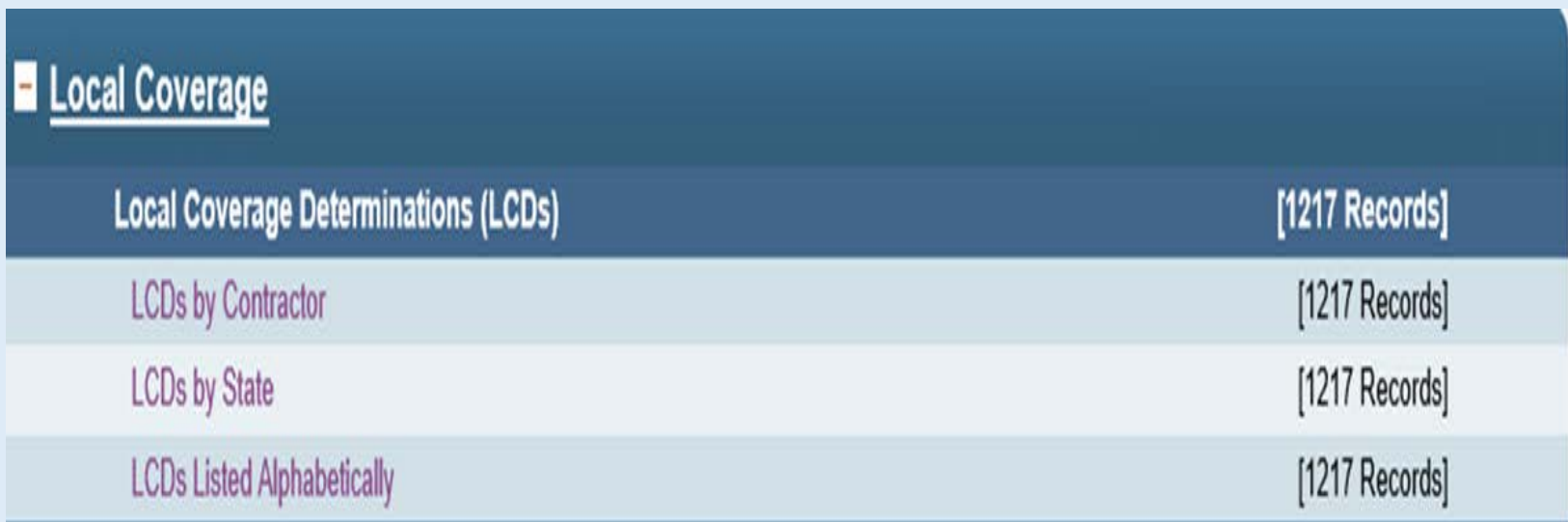
Related Links [2 Links]


Internal Links

No Proposed LCDs Found

LCDs by State Index

- ❖ In a State Index, the user must know the state, the contractor name and the contract number.
- ❖ Begin by clicking on the *LCDs by State* link.



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LCDs by State Index

❖ Select the State and LCD Type.

LCDs by State Index Browser

An asterisk (*) indicates a required field.

***Select State(s):**
Select at least one state.

Please Note: You may select one or more States by holding the CTRL key and selecting with your mouse.

- Rhode Island
- South Carolina
- South Dakota
- Tennessee
- Texas**
- Utah
- Vermont
- Virgin Islands

***Document types to further refine your search by:**

- All LCDs
- Active LCDs
- Retired LCDs
- Future LCDs/Future contract number LCDs
- All Proposed/Draft LCDs
 - Proposed/Draft LCDs released to final LCDs
 - Proposed/Draft LCDs not released to final LCDs

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LCDs by State Index

- ❖ Then choose a Contractor and Contract Type. In this example, Palmetto GBA (11004) Home Health and Hospice (HHH) MAC is being selected.

LCDs by State Index Results [6 Contractors]					
Your Selection Criteria Were:		States(s): Texas Document Type(s): Active LCDs			
Print Report					
Expand All Collapse All					
Texas [6 Contractors]					
MAC PART B / PART B CARRIERS	MAC PART A / PART A FISCAL INTERMEDIARIES	HOME HEALTH AND HOSPICE MAC / REGIONAL HOME HEALTH INTERMEDIARIES	DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT MACs / PSCs / REGIONAL CARRIERS	Part A and B - Medicare Administrative Contractor	Part A and B and Home Health and Hospice- Medicare Administrative Contractor
		Palmetto GBA(11004, HHH MAC)	CGS Administrators, LLC (18003, DME MAC, J-C)	Novitas Solutions, Inc.(04411, A and B MAC, J - H)	Palmetto GBA (11004, A and B and HHH MAC, J - M)
				Novitas Solutions, Inc.(04412, A and B MAC, J - H)	
				Novitas Solutions, Inc.(04911, A and B MAC, J - H)	

Palmetto GBA HHH MAC

LCDs by State Index

- ❖ The first section of the Results Page includes the option to further define the Index.
- ❖ The page also displays the number of LCDs found for the Query and the Selection Criteria.
- ❖ The user can determine if the LCD is “Currently In Effect” or has a Future Effective Date by the actual date in the “Effective Date” column.
- ❖ Click on the Document Title to open the LCD.

LCDs for Contractor Browser

An asterisk (*) indicates a required field.

*Document types to further refine your search by:

- All LCDs
- Active LCDs
- Retired LCDs
- Future LCDs/Future contract number LCDs
- All Proposed/Draft LCDs
 - Proposed/Draft LCDs released to final LCDs
 - Proposed/Draft LCDs not released to final LCDs

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0 Document(s) Selected [Print Selected](#) [Add to Basket](#)

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Final LCDs for Contractor Results [1 Record]

Your Selection Criteria Were: Contractor: Palmetto GBA
Document Type(s): Active LCDs

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ID	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE	REVISION EFFECTIVE DATE	END DATE	LAST UPDATED	STATUS	SELECT ALL
L34547	Hospice - Neurological Conditions	10/01/2015	06/30/2016	N/A	06/24/2016	Active	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Articles Listed Alphabetically Index

- ❖ The Articles Indexes works similar to the LCD Indexes
- ❖ For an example by “Contractor” see slides 25 through 29 in the LCD Index.
- ❖ For an example by “State” see slides 30 through 34 in the LCD Index.
- ❖ To initiate an Alphabetical list of Articles, click on “Articles Listed Alphabetically”.

Articles	[1047 Records]
Articles by Contractor	[1047 Records]
Articles by State	[1047 Records]
Articles Listed Alphabetically	[1047 Records]

Articles Listed Alphabetically Index

- ❖ This Index lists all Articles alphabetically for all contractors. Users may select to view the lists for “Active”, “Retired”, “Future” and “SAD” articles.
- ❖ Click on the Article ID to view the document.

Articles Alphabetical Index Browser

An asterisk (*) indicates a required field.

*Select Article Type:

- Active Articles
- Retired Articles
- Future Effective Articles
- Self-Administered Drug Exclusion (SAD) Articles

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Your Selection Criteria Were: **Article Type: Active Articles**

0 Document(s) Selected

Articles Alphabetical Index Results [910 Records]

Select a link: [0-9](#) [A](#) [B](#) [C](#) [D](#) [E](#) [F](#) [G](#) [H](#) [I](#) [J](#) [K](#) [L](#) [M](#) [N](#) [O](#) [P](#) [Q](#) [R](#) [S](#) [T](#) [U](#) [V](#) [W](#) [X](#) [Y](#) [Z](#)


Please Note: Only displaying linked letters for which there are records.

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	ID	TITLE	CONTRACTOR	SELECT ALL
1	A52598	11730: Surgical treatment of nails-billing and coding clarification	First Coast Service Options, Inc.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	A54799	2016 Controlled Substance Monitoring and Drugs of Abuse Coding and Billing Guidelines	Palmetto GBA	<input type="checkbox"/>
	A55030	2016 Controlled Substance Monitoring and Drugs of Abuse Coding and Billing Guidelines	Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC	<input type="checkbox"/>
	A55001	2016 Controlled Substance Monitoring and Drugs of Abuse Coding and Billing Guidelines	Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC	<input type="checkbox"/>

Part III: Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) Contacts Index

- ❖ The Local Coverage Section of the Indexes page includes several MAC Contact Indexes.
- ❖ Each MAC has its own Index, as well as an all-inclusive Alphabetical Index.

 **Indexes**

Indexes provide users with pre-defined lists of National and Local Coverage documents. You may begin by selecting National Coverage or Local Coverage and then selecting a particular Index. Use the **Advanced Search** feature if you are looking for a particular National or Local Coverage document.

[Expand All](#) | [Collapse All](#)

+ National Coverage

- Local Coverage

Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs)	[1228 Records]
LCDs by Contractor	[1228 Records]
LCDs by State	[1228 Records]
LCDs Listed Alphabetically	[1228 Records]
Articles	[1047 Records]
Articles by Contractor	[1047 Records]
Articles by State	[1047 Records]
Articles Listed Alphabetically	[1047 Records]
Contacts	[246 Records]
All Contacts Listed Alphabetically	[123 Records]
Contacts for Part A - Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC - Part A)	[12 Records]
Contacts for Part A and B - Medicare Administrative Contractor (A and B MAC)	[65 Records]
Contacts for Part A and B and Home Health and Hospice- Medicare Administrative Contractor (A and B and HHH MAC)	[26 Records]
Contacts for Part B - Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC - Part B)	[11 Records]
Contacts for Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractor (DME MAC)	[6 Records]
Contacts for Home Health and Hospice (HHH)	[3 Records]

MAC Contacts

MAC Contacts Indexes

- ❖ The Contacts include an Alphabetical listing and listings by Contract Types.
- ❖ If a user is not sure of the contract type, use the “All Contacts Listed Alphabetically”.

Alpha List of MAC
Contacts

Contacts	[246 Records]
All Contacts Listed Alphabetically	[123 Records]
Contacts for Part A - Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC - Part A)	[12 Records]
Contacts for Part A and B - Medicare Administrative Contractor (A and B MAC)	[65 Records]
Contacts for Part A and B and Home Health and Hospice- Medicare Administrative Contractor (A and B and HHH MAC)	[26 Records]
Contacts for Part B - Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC - Part B)	[11 Records]
Contacts for Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractor (DME MAC)	[6 Records]
Contacts for Home Health and Hospice (HHH)	[3 Records]

MAC Contacts Indexes

- ❖ All the Contact Lists include the contractor address, a website link, contract number with jurisdiction annotated as is appropriate, the CMD name, and states served.
- ❖ This is an example from the alphabetical list.
- ❖ The Contact List is also a good resource for understanding Contract Type and the associated Contract Number for a given contractor.

First Coast Service Options, Inc. 532 Riverside Avenue Jacksonville, FL 32202 http://medicare.fcso.com	09202, A and B MAC, J - N	James J. Corcoran, MD, MPH, Chief Contractor Medical Director	Puerto Rico
First Coast Service Options, Inc. 532 Riverside Avenue Jacksonville, FL 32202 http://medicare.fcso.com	09302, A and B MAC, J - N	James J. Corcoran, MD, MPH, Chief Contractor Medical Director	Virgin Islands
National Government Services, Inc. P. O. Box 7108 Indianapolis, IN 46207-7108 www.ngsmedicare.com	06102, MAC - Part B	Carolyn Cunningham, M.D., J8 Contract Medical Director	Illinois
National Government Services, Inc. P. O. Box 7108 Indianapolis, IN 46207-7108 www.ngsmedicare.com	06202, MAC - Part B	Carolyn Cunningham, M.D., J8 Contract Medical Director	Minnesota

Contract Type & Contract Number

MAC Contacts Indexes

- ❖ This is an example from the MAC A and B Index.
- ❖ Note that this contractor (Noridian Healthcare Solutions) has multiple listings as do all MAC A and B contractors.
- ❖ As well, their CMDs are assigned by state.

Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC 900 42nd Street S PO Box 6781 Fargo, ND 58108- www.noridianmedicare.com	03501, A and B MAC, J - F	Charles E. Haley, MD, MS, FACP	Utah
Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC 900 42nd Street S PO Box 6781 Fargo, ND 58108- www.noridianmedicare.com	03601, A and B MAC, J - F	Charles E. Haley, MD, MS, FACP	Wyoming
Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC 900 42nd Street S. PO Box 6781 Fargo, ND 58108- www.noridianmedicare.com	03102, A and B MAC, J - F	Gary Oakes, MD	Arizona
Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC 900 42nd Street S. PO Box 6781 Fargo, ND 58108- www.noridianmedicare.com	03202, A and B MAC, J - F	Gary Oakes, MD	Montana

MAC Contacts Indexes

- ❖ Contractor information is available in the MAC Contacts Indexes.
- ❖ Similar information less the CMD name is also available in each LCD and Article.
- ❖ Open an LCD or Article and find the Contractor Information at the top of the document. Click on the Contractor Name to open the link.

Click on the Contractor Name Link

Contractor Information

CONTRACTOR NAME	CONTRACT TYPE	CONTRACT NUMBER	JURISDICTION	STATE(S)
Cahaba Government Benefit Administrators®, LLC	A and B MAC	10101 - MAC A	J - J	Alabama
Cahaba Government Benefit Administrators®, LLC	A and B MAC	10102 - MAC B	J - J	Alabama
Cahaba Government Benefit Administrators®, LLC	A and B MAC	10201 - MAC A	J - J	Georgia
Cahaba Government Benefit Administrators®, LLC	A and B MAC	10202 - MAC B	J - J	Georgia
Cahaba Government Benefit Administrators®, LLC	A and B MAC	10301 - MAC A	J - J	Tennessee
Cahaba Government Benefit Administrators®, LLC	A and B MAC	10302 - MAC B	J - J	Tennessee

MAC Contacts Indexes

- ❖ The Contractor Name link opens to the Contractor Information. It displays in both Articles and LCDs.



The screenshot shows the CMS.gov website interface. At the top right, there are utility icons for Share, Help, Email, Print, and Close Window. The CMS.gov logo and "Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services" are on the left. The main content area features a section titled "Contractor Details: Cahaba Government Benefit Administrators®, LLC" with an information icon. Below the title, the contractor's name, address, website, and phone number are listed. At the bottom of the section, there are two links: "Get Help with File Formats and Plug-Ins" and "Submit Feedback/Ask a Question".

Share Help Email Print Close Window

CMS.gov
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

i Contractor Details: Cahaba Government Benefit Administrators®, LLC

Contractor: Cahaba Government Benefit Administrators®, LLC (10101 - A and B MAC)
P. O. Box 381896
Birmingham, AL, 35238-1896
www.cahabagba.com
877-567-7271

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Enhancements Sneak Preview

- ❖ A link to the ICD-10 codes associated to NCDs will be added to the Index Page on 11/27/16.

Questions and Answers

Question	Answer
<p>Can you explain how the covered code list for an NCD or LCD works when a claim is submitted? For example, if a claim is submitted for a test and the submitted diagnosis code is not on the list, is the claim automatically rejected?</p>	<p>Code lists are not found within a NCD. Therefore, when a CPT/HCPCS code is listed in a LCD, and there are also ICD-10 codes that are listed as covered based on Medical Necessity, then the claim would not automatically be rejected.</p> <p>In the case of LCD, inquiries regarding coding/billing would need to go directly to the Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC).</p>
<p>Can you please provide some examples for searching NCDs when you do not have a document ID?</p> <p>Can you show us how to use the LCD by CPT code?</p>	<p>There are two features that may be used on the MCD for searching NCDs by title when the user does not have the document ID.</p> <p>In Advanced Search national and local coverage can be queried by Keyword. You can reference the Lunch and Learn #1 document for further information. This is on the MCD Overview Page.</p> <p>https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/</p> <p>The MCD National Index also contains an alpha list of NCDs.</p> <p>Codes are not listed in NCDs, therefore when an Advanced search on NCDs is done in the database there is not a field to search for codes.</p>
<p>What is the purpose of an article?</p>	<p>Prior to LCDs, there were Local Medical Review Policies. When section 522 of the Benefits Improvement and Protection Act (BIPA) was enacted, it created the term “local coverage determination” (LCD). An LCD is a decision by a Medicare administrative contractor (MAC) whether to cover a particular item or service on a MAC-wide basis in accordance with Section 1862(a)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act (i.e., a determination as to whether the item or service is reasonable and necessary). The difference between LMRPs and LCDs is that LCDs consist of only “reasonable and necessary” information, while LMRPs may also contain benefit category, statutory exclusion provisions and coding guidelines. Therefore, articles were created so that MACs had a tool to house those non-reasonable and necessary pieces.</p>

Questions and Answers

Question	Answer
<p>If there is no NCD or LCD found within a MAC, but there is an Article outlining coverage criteria, can the Article criteria be used to determine either benefit coverage and/or medical necessity.</p>	<p>Articles are not used for NCD. If there is no LCD, an article can be used for non-reasonable and necessary pieces of information (e.g., benefit category, statutory exclusion and coding guidelines).</p>
<p>LCD 11750 not found on list is it an active code or not. Am I not reading or understanding ow to read the list?</p>	<p>There is not a LCD for 11750. This may be a CPT code that is being searched for coverage. If so- Using the Advanced Search Tool to locate NCDs is the best option. In Advanced Search, you can search by Keyword, ICD-CM codes, CPT/HCPCS codes, or by coverage date. You can reference the Lunch and Learn #1 document for further information. This is on the MCD Overview Page. https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/</p>
<p>Can you address again, when we are to only use the NCD, when there is also an LCD?</p>	<p>If there is an NCD that covers the specific issue that is being billed and an LCD, then the NCD would take precedence. But both documents should be used. If there is not an NCD appropriate for the bill, than the correct reference would be the LCD.</p>
<p>Sometimes there is more than one LCD for the same thing. How do we determine which LCD to use?</p>	<p>The LCD that would need to be used is the appropriate LCD for the MAC Contractor being billed.</p>
<p>Many LCDs list diagnosis codes - where are diagnosis codes listed in NCDs?</p>	<p>Diagnosis codes for NCDs are listed in the ICD-10 Medicare Coverage website, by Subject and Transmittal Number. The link to that website is: https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coverage/CoverageGenInfo/ICD10.html</p>

Questions and Answers

Question	Answer
<p>Can you please explain what happens when a LCD is retired?</p>	<p>LCDs move to the MCD Archive website when retired. The schedule for when these documents move to the MCD Archive site is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed/Draft LCDs move to the MCD Archive 90 days after being released to the final LCD. • Retired LCDs and Articles move to the MCD Archive 1 year after their retirement dates. • Superseded versions of active LCDs and Articles move to the MCD Archive after 1 year. • All LMRPs reside on the MCD Archive. • All ICD-9 LCDs and Articles reside on the MCD Archive. <p>Please visit the MCD Archive Site to view archived documents</p>
<p>Is Medicare allowed to deny procedures against retired LCDs?</p>	<p>If the date of service for those procedures is after the LCD is retired, then the LCD should not be used for coverage guidance.</p>
<p>Why don't the NCDs list the CPT code and ICD-10 codes that are covered the way the LCDs are; example- (NCD) for Prostate Cancer Screening Tests (210.1)</p>	<p>In 2006, CMS determined that codes were not a part of an NCD. The link to the transmittal explaining the removal of the codes from the NCD manual is https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/2006-Transmittals-Items/CMS060682.html</p> <p>The exception is the 23 lab NCDs that were created under a special rulemaking process called negotiated rulemaking. As part of that process, these NCDs do contain codes, and they have a separate manual.</p>
<p>NCD 80.11: Can you explain how to use the medicare claims manual to determine when to code a vitrectomy with other CPT codes</p>	<p>The Medicare Claims Processing Manual (CPM) gives contractors the instructions on how to process the claims for NCD 80.11. If a combination of codes is needed to satisfy the coverage requirements, the instructions will note this. Your question appears to be about multiple procedures on the same day. If this is a payment question, it is best answered by your MAC.</p>

Questions and Answers

Question	Answer
<p>How do we locate our MAC Contract Information? How do we determine which MAC covers our area/state?</p>	<p>The best resource for this on the MCD is the Contact Index that includes a list of MACs by State. https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Contracting/Medicare-Administrative-Contractors/Downloads/MACs-by-State-Jan-2016.pdf</p>
<p>Could you remind us again the difference between LCD to LCA and how they should be applied when making a coverage determination?</p>	<p>Prior to LCDs, there were Local Medical Review Policies. When section 522 of the Benefits Improvement and Protection Act (BIPA) was enacted, it created the term “local coverage determination” (LCD). An LCD is a decision by a Medicare administrative contractor (MAC) whether to cover a particular item or service on a MAC-wide basis in accordance with Section 1862(a)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act (i.e., a determination as to whether the item or service is reasonable and necessary). The difference between LMRPs and LCDs is that LCDs consist of only “reasonable and necessary” information, while LMRPs may also contain benefit category, statutory exclusion provisions and coding guidelines. Therefore, articles were created so that MACs had a tool to house those non-reasonable and necessary pieces. LCDs and Articles should both be used when billing for an item or service.</p>
<p>Can you please specifically explain how I can find the slides for this Lunch and Learn as well as the last one on Advanced Search? Thank you!</p>	<p>The slides for both Lunch and Learns will be on the MCD Overview Page. https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database</p>
<p>What are the best resources to use to learn and understand how to use the CMS website?</p>	<p>For MCD- there is a Medicare Learning Network MCD Manual, that covers the entire MCD as a resource. https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database For the entire scope of Medicare, there are some great resources for different parts of the Medicare website. The Outreach and Education Section offers Medicare Learning Network Publications that will help you maneuver through Medicare. https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/MLN-Publications.html</p>