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Welcome to the Medicare Coverage Database

MCD Notice Board

The email functionality from the MCD is currently under construction. To send a Medicare-related document, select and copy the hyperlink and send via email.

Advanced Search: If searching by ICD-10, make sure that the date criteria field indicates a date of service after 10/01/2015 in order to receive valid results.

The MCD Archive has a new home! https://localcoverage.cms.gov/mcd_archive/ Please update your links to the MCD Archive accordingly.

Update to Print Functionality for Local Coverage Documents with ICD-10 Codes

[Click Here to See a List of the Latest Site Updates and Notifications \(PDF, 108 KB\)](#)

The Medicare Coverage Database (MCD) contains all National Coverage Determinations (NCDs) and Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs), local articles, and proposed NCD decisions. The database also includes several other types of National Coverage policy related documents, including National Coverage Analyses (NCAs), Coding Analyses for Labs (CALs), Medicare Evidence Development & Coverage Advisory Committee (MEDCAC) proceedings, and Medicare coverage guidance documents.

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How to Use this Site

The MCD offers multiple ways to locate and view data:

- QUICK SEARCH** - Allows users to search both the NCD and LCD databases using a variety of criteria such as keyword, diagnosis/procedure, and date. You can use the Quick search to your right. Or click on [ADVANCED SEARCH](#) to use additional filters to find exactly what you are looking for.
- INDEXES** - Provides users with pre-defined lists of National and Local Coverage documents.
- REPORTS** - Provides users with reports of National and Local Coverage data.
- DOWNLOADS** - Allows users to download complete sets of LCDs and articles and the complete set of NCDs.

Contextual Help & Page Help - Contextual Help is a new feature that provides users with the ability to receive onscreen help for specific elements on the page. To use the feature, click the "Contextual Help" link and move the mouse to the onscreen location of the associated page element. The user can turn the feature off when help is no longer required. Users who are unable to use this feature, or who prefer to have a link to a single page of help for the entire page, may continue to use the "Page Help" link to get assistance.

Click on the corresponding link at the top of the page to get started.

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MCD vs. Medicare.gov

The MCD is intended for use by Medicare contractors, providers, and other healthcare industry professionals. People with Medicare, family members, and caregivers should visit [Medicare.gov](#), the official U.S. Government site for people with Medicare, for the latest information on Medicare enrollment, benefits, and other helpful tools.

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QUICK SEARCH

An asterisk (*) indicates a required field.

YOU MAY SEARCH BY ID:

*Document ID:

OR BY DOCUMENT TYPE (Currently in Effect Only):

- National and Local Coverage Documents
- National Coverage Documents
- Local Coverage Documents

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MCD UPDATE STATUS

MCD UPDATE	DATA CAPTURED THROUGH	REFRESHED ON MCD
National Coverage Information	Current	Real Time
Local Coverage Information	5/31/2015	Weekly (~Thursday)
National Coverage Downloads	5/31/2015	Weekly (~Thursday)

Information about LCDs and LCD Challenges

Section 522 of the Benefits Improvement and Protection Act (BIPA) defines an LCD as a decision by a fiscal intermediary (FI) or carrier whether to cover a particular service on an intermediary-wide or carrier-wide basis in accordance with Section 1862(a)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act (e.g., a determination as to whether the service or item is reasonable and necessary).

FIs, Carriers, and Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) are Medicare contractors that develop and/or adopt LCDs. Medicare contractors develop LCDs when there is no National Coverage Determination (NCD) or when there is a need to further define an NCD. The guidelines for LCD development are provided in Chapter 13 of the Medicare Program Integrity Manual.

A local policy may consist of two separate, though closely related documents: the LCD and an associated article. The LCD only contains reasonable and necessary language. Any non-reasonable and necessary language a Medicare contractor wishes to communicate to providers may be done through the article. At the end of an LCD that has an associated article, there is a link to the related article and vice versa.

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MCD ARCHIVE

Document Update Schedule

Local Coverage Documents (LCDs and Articles) move from the CMS Medicare Coverage Database (MCD) to the MCD Archive in real-time, according to the following schedule:

- 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 90 days 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.

Please visit the [MCD Archive Site](#) to view archived documents.

PUBLIC COMMENTS TOOL

The MCD includes a comment tool that the public can use to submit comments on National Coverage documents open for public comment.

- [NCAs Open FOR Public Comment](#)

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- [Medicare Program Integrity Manual, Chapter 13 - Local Coverage Determinations](#) (PDF, 64k)
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- [Medicare Learning Network MCD Manual](#) (PDF, 3.88 MB)
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