



The MLN Matters Articles – Search Tips, Advance Search function will search the MLN Matters directories for articles from 2004 to the current year. Results will vary based on the filtering specifications defined by the user. Users have the ability to search for specific articles or groups of articles. To utilize the Advance Search text function go to

http://search.cms.hhs.gov/search?access=p&output=xml_no_dtd&site=mmarticles&client=cms_frontend&proxystylesheet=cms_frontend&oe=UTF-8&proxycustom=%3CADVANCED/%3E

How to use the search functions:

From the top of the page, use the filters under "Advanced Search" to establish criteria for your search results.

- With all of the words - means that the results will contain all of the words entered. For example, if three words are entered (such as durable medical equipment) and all of the three words are present, in any order, the search engine will return a result.
- With the exact phrase – the exact phrase must be present to return a result.
- With at least one of the words - any of the words entered will return a result. For example, if the user enters "provider services" then either 'provider' or 'services' needs to be present to return a result.
- Without the words – excludes any MLN Matters Articles that contain the words entered in the text box. For example, if the user wants all ESRD information with the exception of the billing instructions, then the user would go to the “with the exact phrase” text box and enter “ESRD” then go to the “without the words” text box and enter “billing.”
- Language - Self-explanatory.
- File Format – Self-explanatory.
- Occurrences – the user can search for information (1) anywhere in the page; (2) in the title of the page; or (3) in the URL of the page.
- Domain – Self explanatory.
- Sort – the user can either (1) sort by relevance or (2) sort by date.

Page-Specific Search:

- Links - Enter a URL to get a list of pages that link to that specific URL. For example, if the user enters “www.cms.gov/MLNMattersArticles” there would be three results: CMS Headquarters; CMS Leadership; and About CMS. TIP: When searching for links, avoid page designators (02_about-us.asp) since they may not return all pages linking to that section.