

Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Continuity Assessment Record and Evaluation (CARE) Data Set (LCDS) & LCDS Manual - Archive

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CMS LCDS Manual Version 5.1

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is publishing the Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Continuity Assessment Record and Evaluation (CARE) Data Set (LCDS) Manual Version 5.1, effective October 1, 2024. A Change Table outlining the revisions to the CMS LCDS Manual Version 5.1 is also published.

The Manual and Change Table is available in the **Downloads** section of this webpage.