

June 1, 2021

Office of the Contractor Medical Director  
Novitas Solutions  
JH Medical Affairs Department  
2020 Technology Parkway, Suite 100  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

**Re: Local Coverage Determination: Non-invasive Peripheral Venous Studies (L35451)**

To whom it may concern,

Please accept this letter as a formal request for LCD Reconsideration for the aforementioned Local Coverage Determination: Non-invasive Peripheral Venous Studies (L35451)

Your current LCD indicates that if a great or small saphenous vein undergoes ablation, a duplex scan of the affected side is considered reasonable and necessary postoperatively within 72 hours after the procedure, to assess the result of the surgery and the possibility of propagation of a thrombus.

We are requesting that the 72-hour requirement be removed as the attached literature shows that there is value in delayed duplex ultrasound assessment after ablation up to 8 weeks after an ablation procedure is performed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'GA', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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