



Medicare Coverage Database

Latest Site Updates – August 2026

New functionality has been incorporated into the CMS Medicare Coverage Database (MCD). These changes became effective 08/04/2026:

Search:

1. Enhanced search hint lists by displaying more of each code description and document title. An expanded hover display is also available, providing additional information to help identify the correct search result before opening it.
2. Added Intelligent Search (AI Beta), a new search option that uses artificial intelligence (AI) to help identify relevant Medicare coverage documents based on related terms and similar concepts.
3. When a standard search returns no results, users may be prompted to try Intelligent Search (AI Beta) to broaden their search using related terms and concepts.

Subscriptions:

4. Added a Document Subscription feature. Users can subscribe to NCDs, NCAs, CALs, LCDs, and Articles by selecting the Subscribe button on the document page. View your subscriptions by selecting the Bell icon in the navigation bar. A notification badge on the Bell icon indicates when subscribed documents have newer versions available.

Basket:

5. Added guidance for viewing newer document versions from the Basket, including prompts to update the saved document and create a new Basket link.

Downloads:

6. Updated the Downloads page to improve navigation and readability. Download files are presented in a revised layout, and Data Dictionaries are now listed in a dedicated section.
7. Updated the Article Data Dictionary to correct and clarify the primary key information for code crosswalk tables.