

How To - Reports

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Finding Answers in MCD Reports

The Medicare Coverage Database (MCD) contains a lot of valuable information about what is covered under Medicare at the local and national levels.

- ❖ If you're looking for what's new in the last week or what documents have been updated over the last year, Reports are the place to look.
- ❖ You can also find the statuses of a particular set of documents or which national documents are open for public comment.
- ❖ You can generate a report to see all of the NCDs organized by chapter and section or to find the MAC Contact for your state.
- ❖ Results for most of the reports can be added to the Basket for emailing to yourself or others. Results for all of the reports can be downloaded to Excel.
- ❖ The MCD Reports can help you answer questions that you might have about Medicare Coverage. The reports available on the MCD are described in more detail on the following pages.
- ❖ If you're looking for a specific document, keyword, or code, you should use the MCD Search page.

MCD Reports - Acronyms

Here are some Acronyms that will be helpful for you as you review this presentation.

Acronym	Definition
CALs	Coverage Analyses for Labs
LCDs	Local Coverage Determinations
MAC	Medicare Administrative Contractor
MCD	Medicare Coverage Documents or Medicare Coverage Database
MEDCAC	Medicare Evidence Development & Coverage Advisory Committees
NCAAs	National Coverage Analyses
NCDs	National Coverage Determinations
SAD	Self-Administered Drug
TAs	Technology Assessments

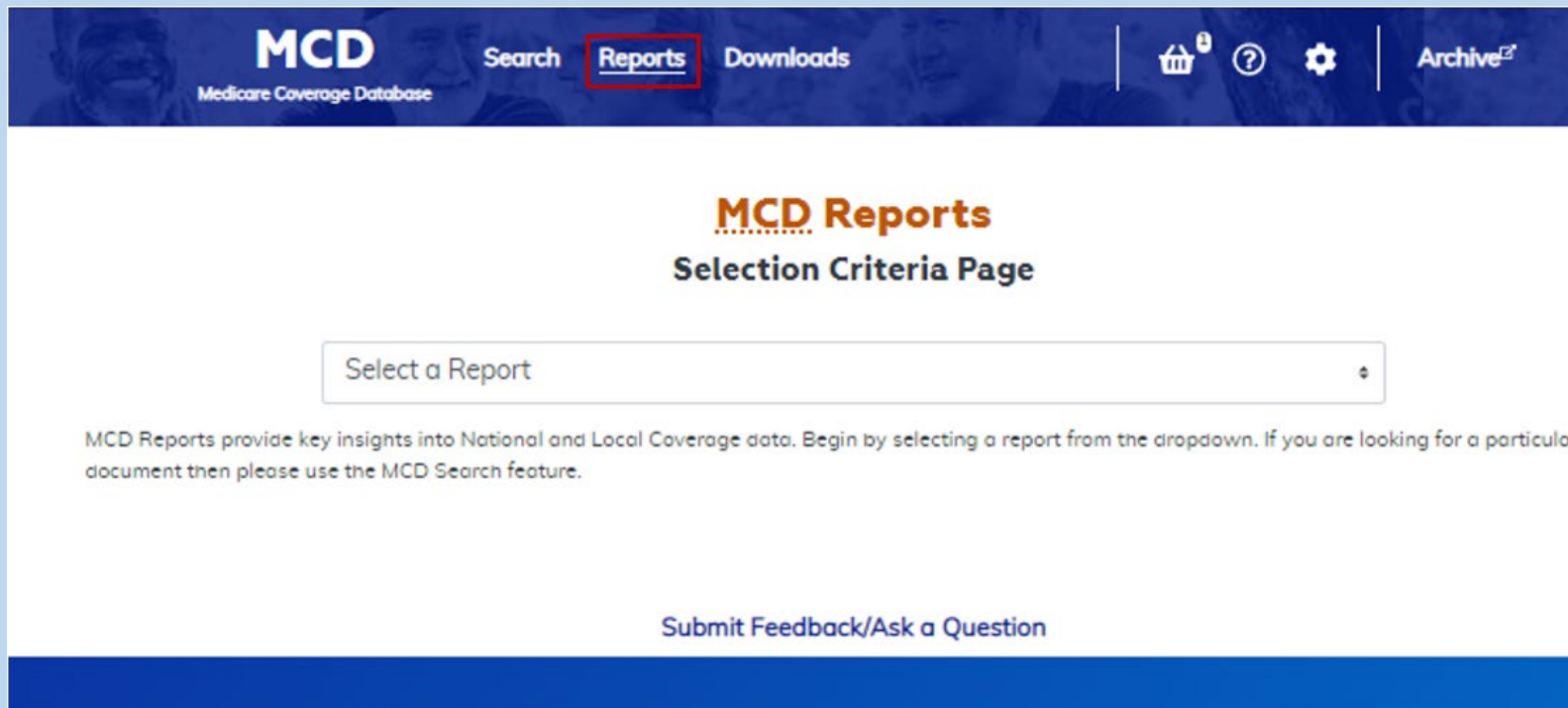
For additional information about the types of documents included in the MCD, refer to the Coverage Document Descriptions tile on the Help & Resources page.

Reports Page

There are two ways to access Reports in the MCD.

The first way is to click on Reports in the navbar. This will bring you to the Reports page. From here, you can choose a report, select criteria, and run the report.

A description for the selected report is displayed on the screen.

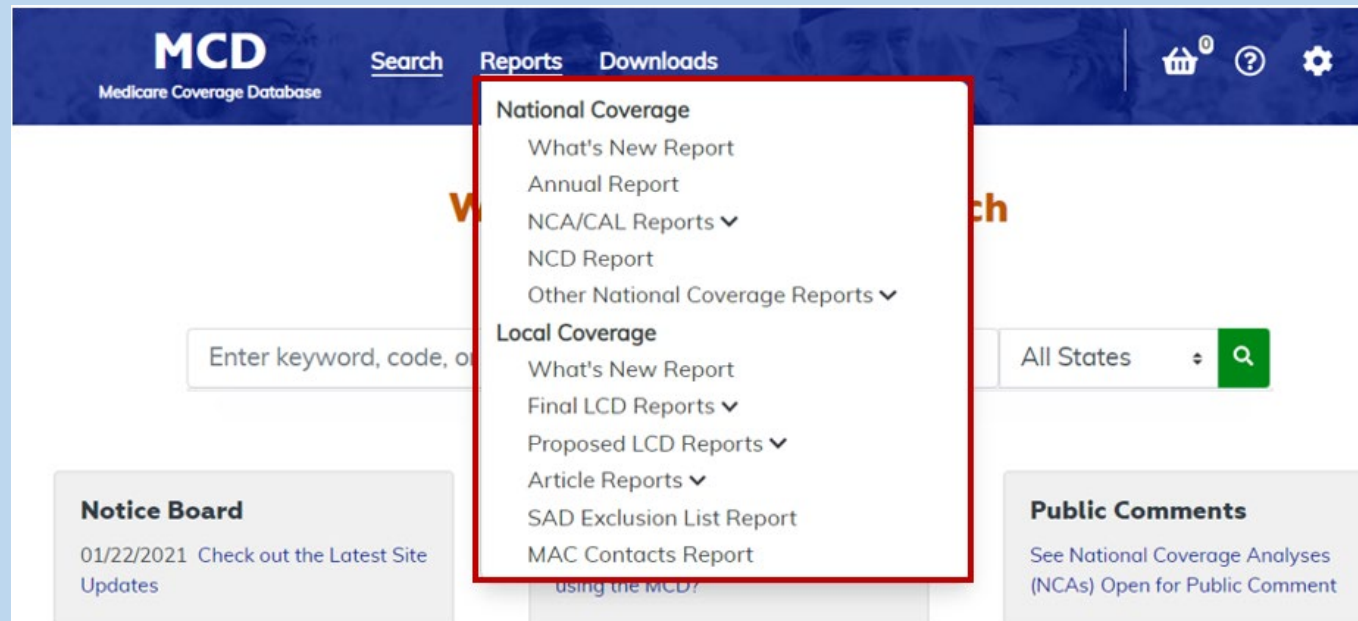


Reports Dropdown List

The second way to access MCD Reports is to hover your mouse pointer over Reports in the navbar (i.e., instead of clicking on it).

From the resulting dropdown list, you can select an individual report. This will bring you to the Reports Results page for the report you selected.

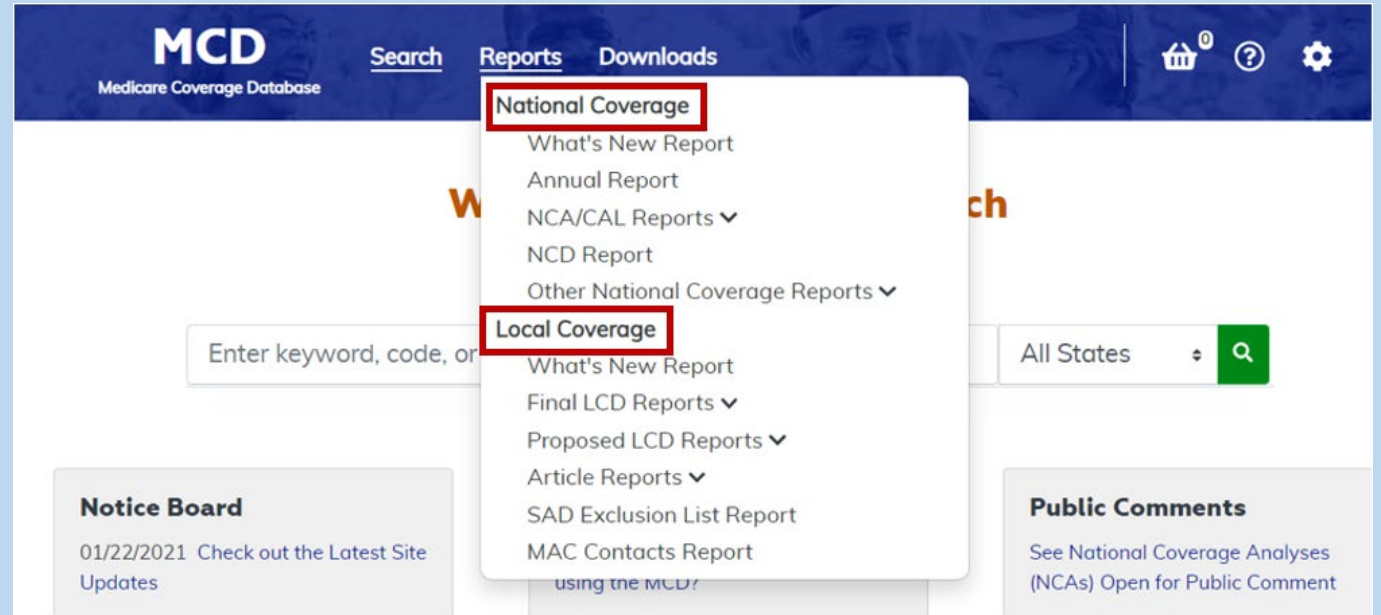
Using this method, the report will be run with the default selection criteria, which you can modify on the Report Results page.



National and Local Reports

The MCD provides both National Coverage and Local Coverage Reports.

- ❖ Nine reports describe National Coverage
- ❖ Twelve reports highlight Local Coverage



National Coverage Reports

MCD reports contain different slices of the data contained in the MCD database. The National Coverage Reports include national-level materials and documents (i.e., CALs, MCDs, MEDCACs, NCAs, NCDs, and TAs). A description for each report follows. Also, there is individualized Page Help on each report results page which contains information specific to the report that you are generating.

Report Name	Report Description
What's New Report	View recent activity for National Coverage documents. See what's new for NCDs, NCAs, and more. When new National Coverage documents are added or existing National Coverage documents are updated significantly, links to those new documents or changes are included in this report. The report indicates what has been updated for each document.
Annual Report	View National Coverage documents organized by year. See what's happened in each calendar year with NCDs, NCAs, and CALs. If a document is created or updated during the selected calendar year, it will be included in the report.

National Coverage Reports List – Part 1

Report Name	Report Description
NCA/CAL Status Report	View NCAs and CALs organized by status, including those that are Open for Public Comment. NCAs and CALs are documents that support the NCD process. You may be able to submit a public comment on the results page. See an example of the NCA/CAL Status Report later in this presentation.
NCA/CAL Open for Public Comment Report	View NCAs and CALs that are open for public comment. NCAs and CALs are documents that support the NCD process. You can submit a public comment on the results page.
NCD Report	View NCDs listed alphabetically or organized by chapter and section. NCDs are national policy granting, limiting, or excluding Medicare coverage for a specific medical item or service. These are developed and published by CMS and apply to all states. NCDs are made through an evidence-based process, with opportunities for public participation.
Lab NCDs Only Report	View Lab NCDs listed in order by chapter/section. Lab NCDs are national policy granting, limiting, or excluding Medicare coverage for labs.

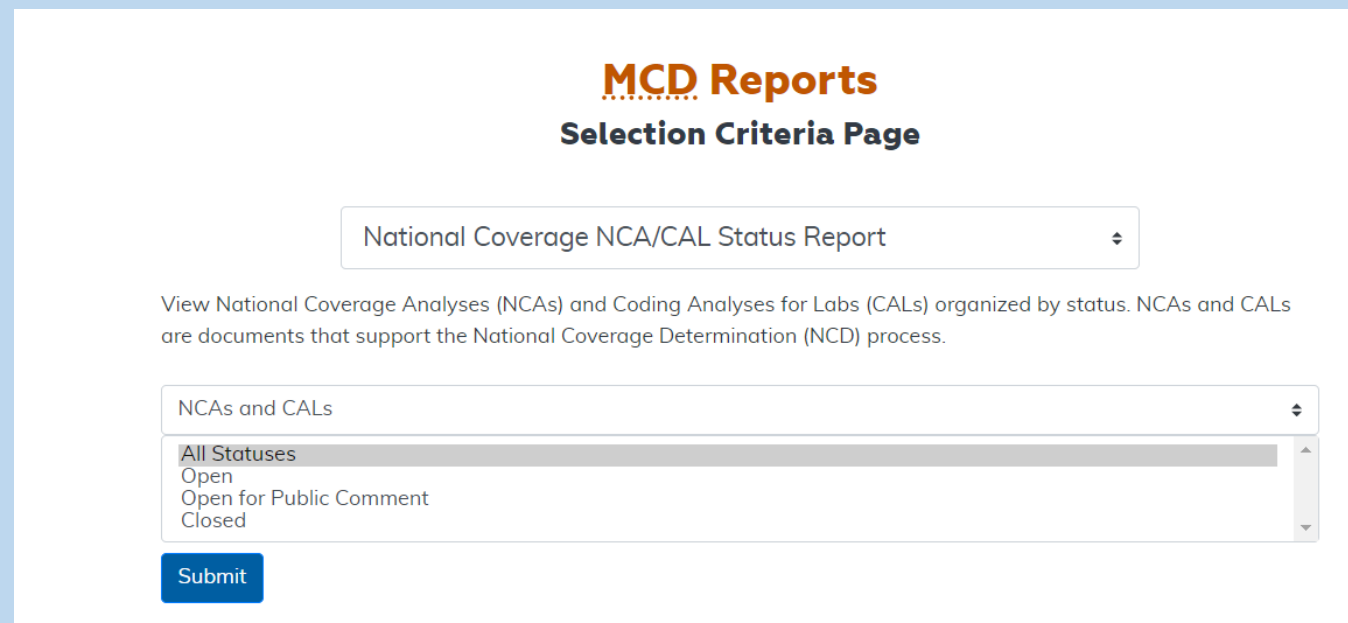
National Coverage Reports List – Part 2

Report Name	Report Description
MEDCAC Meetings Reports	View MEDCAC Meetings organized by date. See details from meetings of various MEDCACs that provide independent guidance and expert advice to CMS on specific clinical topics. They are used to supplement CMS's internal expertise and to ensure an unbiased and contemporary consideration of "state of the art" technology and science.
Technology Assessments Report	View TAs organized by year. TAs support the NCD process and often focus on the quality of the evidence for a given technology.
Medicare Coverage Documents Report	View Medicare Coverage Documents which are published by CMS to help to relay information that is related to coverage on a national level. These documents may include Compendia, Guidance Documents, and National Benefit Category Analyses, among others.

Example - National Coverage NCA/CAL Status Report

Use this report to view NCAs and CALs organized by status. NCAs and CALs are documents that support the NCD process. You may narrow your results by selecting from the filter options or simply generate it with the default selections.

- ❖ Document Types: NCAs and CALs (default), NCAs only, CALs only
- ❖ Status: All Statuses (default), Open, Open for Public Comment, Closed



MCD Reports
Selection Criteria Page

National Coverage NCA/CAL Status Report

View National Coverage Analyses (NCAs) and Coding Analyses for Labs (CALs) organized by status. NCAs and CALs are documents that support the National Coverage Determination (NCD) process.

NCA and CALs

All Statuses
Open
Open for Public Comment
Closed

Submit

National Coverage NCA/CAL Status Report – Example Selection Criteria Page

In this example, the user is looking for NCAs that have an Open (analysis is ongoing) status.

- ❖ NCAs Only is selected for the document type
- ❖ Open is selected for the status

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National Coverage NCA/CAL Status Report

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NCAs Only

All Statuses
Open
Open for Public Comment
Closed

Submit

The screenshot shows a web interface for selecting report criteria. At the top, the title is "MCD Reports Selection Criteria Page". Below the title is a dropdown menu currently set to "National Coverage NCA/CAL Status Report". A descriptive paragraph follows: "View National Coverage Analyses (NCAs) and Coding Analyses for Labs (CALs) organized by status. NCAs and CALs are documents that support the National Coverage Determination (NCD) process." Below this is another dropdown menu for document type, currently set to "NCAs Only". This dropdown is open, showing a list of options: "All Statuses", "Open", "Open for Public Comment", and "Closed". The "Open" option is highlighted with a red box. Below the dropdown is a blue "Submit" button.

National Coverage NCA/CAL Status Report – Example Report Results Page



The Report Results page below displays two open items. You can view the documents by clicking on the ID. Use the Sort By selection feature to change the order of the results. You can also update your filter selections and the results will be updated accordingly. You may add documents to your Basket by clicking on the Basket icon or download the report by clicking on the Download to Excel link at the bottom of the report.

National Coverage NCA/CAL Status Report Results

NCA's and CALs ▾ Open ▾

Sort By: Status ▾

Jump to: Open Total Results: 2

ID	Title	Type	Status	
Open (2)				
CAG-00107R	Cochlear Implantation	NCA	Open	
			Comment	
CAG-00460N	Monoclonal Antibodies Directed Against Amyloid for the Treatment of Alzheimer's Disease	NCA	Open	

Report Run Date: 03/09/2022 [Download to Excel](#)

National Coverage NCA/CAL Status Report – Example Report Results Page (continued)

In this example, one of the NCAs in the results set below is open for public comment. You can add a comment about this NCA by clicking on the Comment button in the Status column for that row.

National Coverage NCA/CAL Status Report Results

NCA and CALs ▾ Open for Public Comment ▾ Sort By: Status ▾

Jump to: Open Total Results: 1

ID	Title	Type	Status	
Open (1)				
CAG-00107R	Cochlear Implantation	NCA	Open Comment	

Local Coverage Reports List – Part 1

There are twelve Local Coverage reports in the MCD. A description for each report follows. Also, there is individualized Page Help on each report results page which contains information specific to the report that you are generating.

Report Name	Report Description
What's New Report	View recent activity for Local Coverage documents. See what's new for Articles and LCDs. Anytime new Local Coverage documents are added, links to those documents are included in this report. Anytime existing Local Coverage documents are updated, links to those new document versions are also included in this report.
Final LCDs by Contractor Report	View Final LCDs for one or more contractor numbers. LCDs are decisions made by a MAC regarding what's reasonable and necessary and, therefore, covered by Medicare in the MAC jurisdiction.
Final LCDs by State Report	View Final LCDs for one or more states. LCDs are decisions made by a MAC regarding what's reasonable and necessary and, therefore, covered by Medicare in the MAC jurisdiction.

Local Coverage Reports List – Part2

Report Name	Report Description
Final LCDs Alphabetical Report	View all Final LCDs listed alphabetically. LCDs are decisions made by a MAC regarding what's reasonable and necessary and, therefore, covered by Medicare in the MAC jurisdiction.
Proposed LCDs by Contractor Report	View Proposed LCDs for one or more contractor numbers. MACs publish Proposed LCDs before an LCD becomes final. See an example of the Proposed LCDs by Contractor Report later in this presentation.
Proposed LCDs by State Report	View Proposed LCDs for one or more states. MACs publish Proposed LCDs before an LCD becomes final.
Proposed LCDs Alphabetical Report	View all Proposed LCDs listed alphabetically. MACs publish Proposed LCDs before an LCD becomes final.

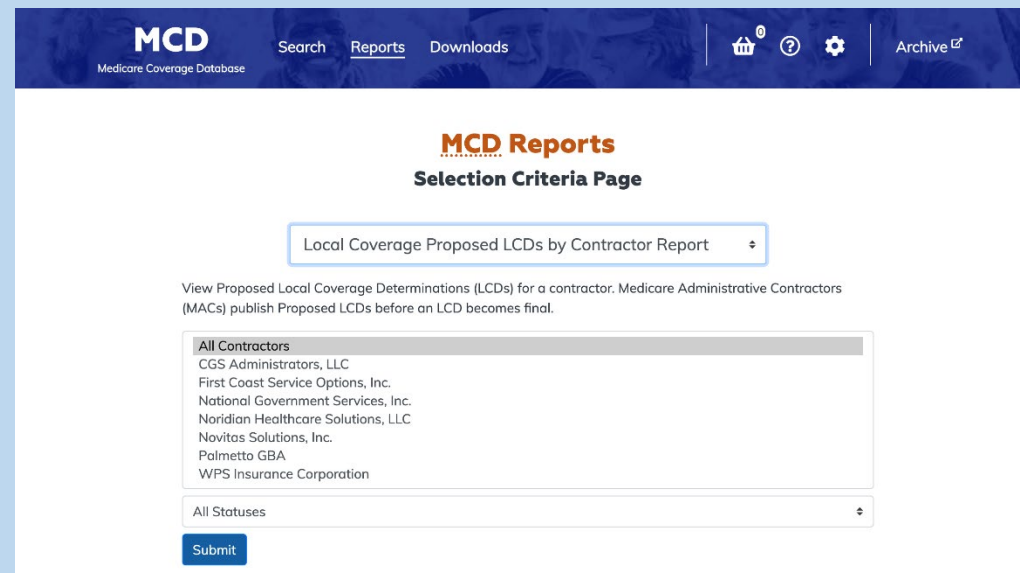
Local Coverage Reports List – Part 3

Report Name	Report Description
Articles by Contractor Report	View Articles for one or more contractor numbers. Articles include billing, coding, and other guidelines that are related to an LCD.
Articles by State Report	View Articles for one or more states. Articles are published by MACs and include billing, coding, and other guidelines that are related to an LCD.
Articles Alphabetical Report	View all Articles listed alphabetically. Articles are published by MACs and include billing, coding, and other guidelines that are related to an LCD.
SAD Exclusion List Report	View the SAD Exclusion List. See the drugs determined by the MACs to be usually self-administered and, therefore, excluded from Medicare coverage by law. The absence of a drug from this list does not necessarily mean the drug is covered by Medicare.
MAC Contacts Report	View contact information for the MACs. MACs process medical claims for Medicare as well as publish LCDs and Articles.

Example - Proposed LCD by Contractor Report

Use this report to view Proposed LCDs for one or more contractor number(s). MACs publish Proposed LCDs before an LCD becomes final. Narrow your results by selecting from the filter options or run the report with the default criteria selections.

- ❖ Contractor: All Contractors (default) CGS, First Coast, NGS, Noridian, Novitas, Palmetto, WPS Insurance Corporation
 - Contractor Number: All Contractor Numbers (default), NGS (A and B and HHH MAC, 13101, J-K)...
- ❖ Status: All Statuses (default), In Comment, Comments Ended, In Notice, Final Issued



The screenshot shows the 'MCD Reports Selection Criteria Page' for the Medicare Coverage Database. The page has a dark blue header with the MCD logo and navigation links for Search, Reports, and Downloads. Below the header, the page title is 'MCD Reports Selection Criteria Page'. A dropdown menu is set to 'Local Coverage Proposed LCDs by Contractor Report'. Below this, there is a descriptive text: 'View Proposed Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) for a contractor. Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) publish Proposed LCDs before an LCD becomes final.' There are two filter dropdowns: one for 'All Contractors' with a list of contractor names (CGS Administrators, LLC, First Coast Service Options, Inc., National Government Services, Inc., Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC, Novitas Solutions, Inc., Palmetto GBA, WPS Insurance Corporation) and another for 'All Statuses'. A blue 'Submit' button is at the bottom.

Proposed LCD by Contractor Report – Example Selection Criteria Page

In this example, the user is looking for Proposed LCDs that belong to CGS Administrators, LLC and have an In Notice status.

- ❖ CGS is selected for the Contractor
- ❖ MAC – Part A, 15101, J – 15 is selected for the Contractor Number
- ❖ In Notice is selected for the status

MCD Reports
Selection Criteria Page

Local Coverage Proposed LCDs by Contractor Report

View Proposed Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) for a contractor. Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) publish Proposed LCDs before an LCD becomes final.

All Contractors
CGS Administrators, LLC
First Coast Service Options, Inc.
National Government Services, Inc.
Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC
Novitas Solutions, Inc.
Palmetto GBA
WPS Insurance Corporation

All Contractor Numbers
CGS Administrators, LLC (DME MAC, 17013, J-B)
CGS Administrators, LLC (DME MAC, 18003, J-C)
CGS Administrators, LLC (HHH MAC, 15004, J - 15)
CGS Administrators, LLC (MAC - Part A, 15101, J - 15)
CGS Administrators, LLC (MAC - Part A, 15201, J - 15)
CGS Administrators, LLC (MAC - Part B, 15102, J - 15)
CGS Administrators, LLC (MAC - Part B, 15202, J - 15)

In Notice

Submit

Proposed LCD by Contractor Report – Example Results Page

The Report Results page below displays NGS's Part A & Part B Proposed LCDs that have a status of In Notice. You can view the documents by clicking on the document ID in the ID column. You can sort the results using the Sort By selection feature. You can also update your filter selections and the results will be updated accordingly. You may add documents to your Basket by clicking on the Basket icon or download the report by clicking on the Download to Excel link.

Local Coverage Proposed LCDs by Contractor Report Results

National Government Services, Inc. (A and B and HHH MAC, 13101, J - K) In Notice Sort By: Title

Jump to: C | G | N Total Results: 3

ID	Title	Contractor	Status	Comment Period	Notice Period	Final LCD ID	
C (1)							
DL33559	Cardiac Computed Tomography (CCT) and Coronary Computed Tomography Angiography (CCTA)	National Government Services, Inc. (MAC - Part A, MAC - Part B)	In Notice	06/03/2021 - 07/17/2021	02/10/2022 - 03/31/2022	L33559	
G (1)							
DL37810	Genomic Sequence Analysis Panels in the Treatment of Solid Organ Neoplasms	National Government Services, Inc. (MAC - Part A, MAC - Part B)	In Notice	09/30/2021 - 11/13/2021	02/10/2022 - 03/31/2022	L37810	
N (1)							
DL39075	Non-Invasive Fractional Flow Reserve (FFR) for Stable Ischemic Heart Disease	National Government Services, Inc. (MAC - Part A, MAC - Part B)	In Notice	06/03/2021 - 07/17/2021	02/10/2022 - 03/31/2022	L39075	

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Proposed LCD by Contractor Report – Example Results Page (continued)

In this particular results set, you can click on the dates in the Notice Period column. That will allow you to view the first approved version of the LCD after the Release to Final event which was the version of Final LCD that was displayed during the Notice Period (i.e., even if there are now newer versions of the Final LCD). To view the most recent LCD in this example, you can click on the document ID in the Final LCD ID column.

Local Coverage Proposed LCDs by Contractor Report Results

National Government Services, Inc. (A and B and HH MAC, 13101, J - K) In Notice Sort By: Title

Jump to: C | G | N Total Results: 3

ID	Title	Contractor	Status	Comment Period	Notice Period	Final LCD ID	
C (1)							
DL33559	Cardiac Computed Tomography (CCT) and Coronary Computed Tomography Angiography (CCTA)	National Government Services, Inc. (MAC - Part A, MAC - Part B)	In Notice	06/03/2021 - 07/17/2021	02/10/2022 - 03/31/2022	L33559	
G (1)							
DL37810	Genomic Sequence Analysis Panels in the Treatment of Solid Organ Neoplasms	National Government Services, Inc. (MAC - Part A, MAC - Part B)	In Notice	09/30/2021 - 11/13/2021	02/10/2022 - 03/31/2022	L37810	
N (1)							
DL39075	Non-Invasive Fractional Flow Reserve (FFR) for Stable Ischemic Heart Disease	National Government Services, Inc. (MAC - Part A, MAC - Part B)	In Notice	06/03/2021 - 07/17/2021	02/10/2022 - 03/31/2022	L39075	

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MCD Reports – Final Thoughts

- ❖ The National data displayed in the MCD reports is updated in real time. When updates are made to NCAs, CALs, NCDs, etc., the changes are reflected in the reports right away. For Local Coverage data, updates that are made to LCDs and Articles are reflected in the reports on a weekly basis.
- ❖ When changes are made to the reports, columns added or removed for example, the changes will be documented in the Latest Site Updates document that can be found in the Latest Site Updates tile on the Help & Resources page.
- ❖ Page Help can be found in the question mark icon on every page. Page Help will assist you on using the page you are currently on.
- ❖ Please view the tour, which can be found under the Help icon (i.e., Tour the Reports), for a quick introduction to how the reports work.
- ❖ If you haven't found what you're looking for in the MCD Reports, try using the Search. From the Search page, you can enter a specific document, keyword, or code to locate related coverage information.