

How To - MCD Tool Tips

Helpful tips for using the Medicare Coverage Database (MCD).

Table 1 MCD Tool Tips

Tip	Description
Conduct a Blank Search	Allows you to access all of the search filter options quickly. On the Search page, click the Submit Search button (green magnifying glass) without entering any text in the Search box or selecting a state to conduct a “blank search.” This will take you directly to the Search Results page which displays many additional filters that you can use to narrow your results.
Bookmark the Current Page Ctrl+D	Allows you to bookmark the current open browser tab. This works throughout Windows browsers and is especially helpful to bookmark a favorite MCD report or the Search Results page. Some users prefer to use a link directly to the Search Results page to use the filters to narrow their search, instead of starting on the Search page. <i>For Mac users: Command+D</i>
Find Ctrl+F	Allows you to locate a specific word or phrase on the current open browser tab. Press the Ctrl key and the F key at the same time and enter the term you would like to find. This works throughout Windows applications and is very helpful if you're looking for a specific code or term in a Coverage document. <i>For Mac users: Command+F</i>
Print (Ctrl + P) or Download to PDF	Allows you to print the current open browser tab. Press the Ctrl key and the P key at the same time. This will open your browser's Print Dialog, where you can select the desired options. This works throughout Windows applications. <i>For Mac users: Command+P</i> To download a PDF from within a document, click on the Download button in the top right corner of the document (i.e., to the right of the document title). Pro Tip: If you Search using a keyword (e.g., cardiac), the resulting documents will display with the keyword highlighted (e.g., cardiac). If you then click the Download button to save a PDF, the keywords instances throughout the document will remain highlighted. To remove the highlighting, search again for the document using the Document ID (e.g., A59657) and then create the PDF (without the highlighted keywords). Another option to remove the unwanted keyword highlighting in the document display is to alter the URL by removing everything after the "version" query string. For example, remove the highlighted portion of this URL (i.e., "&[...]C,TA,MCD,6,3,5,1,F,P&contractOption=all&sortBy=relevance&bc=1"): https://mcimtest.fu.com/medicare-coverage-database/view/ncd.aspx?ncdid=306&ncdver=3&[...]C,TA,MCD,6,3,5,1,F,P&contractOption=all&sortBy=relevance&bc=1

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Multi-select in Picklist Ctrl+click or Shift+click	Allows you to select multiple pick list items. In a pick list, click the first item you want to select with your mouse, then hold down the Ctrl key while you click the remaining item(s) you wish to select. You can also use Ctrl+click to de-select items in the list. If you are selecting a group of items in immediate succession, you can use “Shift” instead of “Ctrl” and choose the first and last item in the list and it will select everything in between. For example, on the Search Results page, in the All States filter drop-down list, click on Alaska, hold down the Ctrl key and click on Delaware and you will have both Alaska and Delaware selected in the list. Or, select Colorado, hold down the Shift key and click on Florida. You will have Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, DC, and Florida selected. This generally works throughout Windows applications. <i>For Mac users: Command+click or Shift+click</i>
Pro Tip - Hard Refresh F5 Ctrl+F5 Shift+F5 Ctrl+Shift+R Ctrl+Shift+Delete	Allows you to refresh the information displayed on the current page. F5 or Ctrl + R = Reloads the current page (using unexpired cached content, when possible). Shift + F5 or Ctrl + Shift + R = Forces a fresh reload of the most recent content of the current page (does not use cached content). Ctrl + Shift + Delete = Deletes the cached content. Follow the options on your browser to clear your browsing data.