

How To – Overview

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Welcome to the MCD- Overview Page

The Medicare Coverage Database (MCD) is your online source for:

- ❖ Resources on Local and National Coverage Decisions
- ❖ Downloads of several of the Coverage Datasets
- ❖ Reports regarding Database updates

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Looking for a more streamlined experience? Take a look at the newly available [Redesigned Search!](#)

Welcome to the Medicare Coverage Database

MCD Notice Board

08/25/2020: [Check out the Latest Site Updates \(08/25/2020 date is for testing only\)](#)
06/12/2020: [Alert: Codes have moved out of LCDs and into Billing and Coding Articles!](#)
06/12/2020: [Check out the How To - Use the Medicare Coverage Database](#)

The Medicare Coverage Database (MCD) Overview page provides general information about the application, such as its intended purpose and the types of content that can be found here.

The Medicare Coverage Database contains all National Coverage Documents, Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs), and articles. The National Coverage Documents include: National Coverage Determinations (NCDs), National Coverage Analyses (NCAs), Coding Analyses for Labs (CALs), Medicare Evidence Development & Coverage Advisory Committee (MEDCAC) meetings, and Medicare coverage guidance documents.

How to Use this Site

The MCD offers multiple ways to locate and view data:

DOCUMENT ID SEARCH - Provides users the ability to search both the NCD and LCD Databases using the document ID. The Search button appears on the right-hand side of the screen.

ADVANCED SEARCH - Provides users with additional filters to narrow the search.

INDEXES - Provides users with pre-defined lists of National and Local Coverage documents.

REPORTS - Provides users with reports of National and Local Coverage data.

DOWNLOADS - Allows users to download complete sets of LCDs and Articles and the complete set of NCDs.

Page Help - From the Help icon in the navbar, select Page Help to access detailed help information about the current MCD page.

Submit Feedback/Ask a Question - Provides users with a way to submit feedback or ask questions about the Medicare Coverage Database application. This link appears on every page in the MCD.

Search by Document ID

Document ID:

SEARCH

Try [Advanced Search](#) for additional options.
Or try the new redesigned [Search!](#)

MCD UPDATE STATUS

MCD UPDATE	DATA CAPTURED THROUGH	REFRESHED ON MCD
National Coverage Information	Current	Real Time
Local Coverage Information	08/23/2020	Every Thursday
National Coverage Downloads	08/23/2020	Every Thursday

PUBLIC COMMENTS TOOL

The MCD includes a comment tool that the public can use to submit comments on National Coverage documents open for public comment.
Currently, there are no National Coverage documents open for public comment.

MCD Functionality



Page	Capability
Overview	MCD Notice Board, Search by Document ID, How to use this site, MCD Update Status, Public Comments Tool
Advanced Search -OR- Search	National and Local Coverage Searches by document ID, CPT/HCPCS or ICD-10-CM codes, or Keyword. (New Search Results page includes additional filters for Document Type, State, Contractor, Benefit Category, NCA/CAL Status, and Date Criteria; in addition to Keyword and Codes.)
Indexes	All National Coverage Policies and Articles, Local Coverage Policies and Articles sorted by Contractor/State/Alphabetically, Contractor Contact Lists
Reports	National and Local Coverage reports, Status reports, Self-Administered Drug (SAD) Exclusion List Report
Downloads	ZIP files of several of the Coverage Datasets
Basket (icon)	Provides ability to save a list of documents during a session that can be printed or emailed
Help (icon)	Link to the Help & Resources page, Page Help (contextual to each page), Contact Us

Overview Page

The Overview page of the MCD has plenty of information to review.

- The **MCD Notice Board** includes special notices relevant to the MCD.
- The **Search by Document ID** feature is the fastest way to find Local and National Coverage Documents.
- The **How to Use this Site** section provides information about the various main pages of the MCD.
- **MCD Update Status** Information.
- The **Public Comments Tool** provides quick links to National Coverage during a comment period.

The screenshot shows the CMS.gov Medicare Coverage Database (MCD) Overview page. The page is structured as follows:

- Navigation Bar:** Includes 'CMS.gov', 'Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services', and links for 'About Us', 'Newsroom', and 'Data & Research'. The MCD logo and 'Medicare Coverage Database' are also present.
- Main Content Area:**
 - Welcome to the Medicare Coverage Database:** A blue banner with a speech bubble icon.
 - MCD Notice Board:** A section with a list of recent updates, including links to 'Latest Site Updates', 'Alert: Codes have moved out of LCDs and into Billing and Coding Articles!', and 'How To - Use the Medicare Coverage Database'.
 - How to Use this Site:** A section providing information on how to locate and view data, including links for 'DOCUMENT ID SEARCH', 'SEARCH', 'INDEXES', 'REPORTS', 'DOWNLOADS', and 'Page Help'.
 - MCD Update Status:** A table showing the status of data capture and refresh for National Coverage Information, Local Coverage Information, and National Coverage Downloads.
 - Public Comments Tool:** A section explaining the comment tool for National Coverage documents.
- Right Sidebar:** Contains a 'Search by Document ID' form with a 'Document ID' input field and a 'SEARCH' button, and an 'MCD UPDATE STATUS' table.

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Search by Document ID

If the user has the Document ID Number (LCD ID, Article ID, NCD ID, NCA ID or CAL ID), using the Search by Document ID feature is the most direct route to the document.



The screenshot shows a search interface with a dark blue header containing the text "Search by Document ID". Below the header is a light blue background area. On the left, the text "Document ID:" is followed by a white text input field containing the placeholder text "Enter ID". Below the input field is a brown button with the word "SEARCH" in white capital letters. At the bottom of the form, there is a link that reads "Need more search power? Try [Advanced Search](#)".

Search by Document ID – LCD Example

- ❖ In this example, L34549 is used as the Document ID.
- ❖ Add the LCD ID to the “Document ID” field on the Overview Page.

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Search by Document ID

Document ID:

SEARCH

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Search by Document ID

LCD L34549 – Date of Service Page

- ❖ If there is a specific date of service that is being requested, please enter it here. However, if the Date of Service text box remains blank, the most recent document version displays on the query results page.

[<< Back to Overview and Quick Search](#)

 **Local Coverage Determination (LCD) Date of Service Criteria**

Please enter the date of service in the text box and select the **Search Button**. Use the format mm/dd/yyyy (e.g. 01/01/2001). Leave the text box blank and select the **Search Button** to retrieve the latest effective version of this policy.

LCD Effective Date Search

Date of Service (mm/dd/yyyy):

SEARCH

Search by Document ID

LCD L34549 – Results Page

[<< Back to Local Coverage Determination \(LCD\) Date of Service Criteria](#)



Document ID Search Results

Listed below are the search results that match your search criteria. Select the document title to view the details page for the specific record. You can also select items using their corresponding check boxes in the right column. After selecting the check boxes you can add the selected items to your basket by selecting the **Add to Basket** Button.

Your Search Results [1 Record]

Selection Criteria: Document ID: L34549

[Modify Your Search](#) | [New Search](#)
[Expand All](#) | [Collapse All](#)

0 Document(s) Selected **Add to Basket**

Local Coverage Documents [1 Record]

Please Note: Any Proposed policies are denoted by the prefix "DL" in the ID number.

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LCD ID #	TITLE	CONTRACTOR NAME	SELECT ALL
L34549	Ambulance Services	Palmetto GBA	<input type="checkbox"/>

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MCD ARCHIVE

If you need an older or superseded version than the search results returned, please visit the [MCD Archive Site](#) for more results.

Search by Document ID

Proposed LCD DL35396

- ❖ In this example, DL35396 is used as the Document ID.
- ❖ Add the LCD ID to the “Document ID” field on the Overview Page.

Advanced Search'." data-bbox="645 290 885 530"/>

Search by Document ID

Document ID:

SEARCH

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Search by Document ID

Proposed LCD DL35396 – Results Page

Your Search Results [1 Record]

Selection Criteria: Document ID: DL35396

[Modify Your Search](#) | [New Search](#)
[Expand All](#) | [Collapse All](#)

0 Document(s) Selected [Add to Basket](#)

Local Coverage Documents [1 Record]

Please Note: Any Proposed policies are denoted by the prefix "DL" in the ID number.

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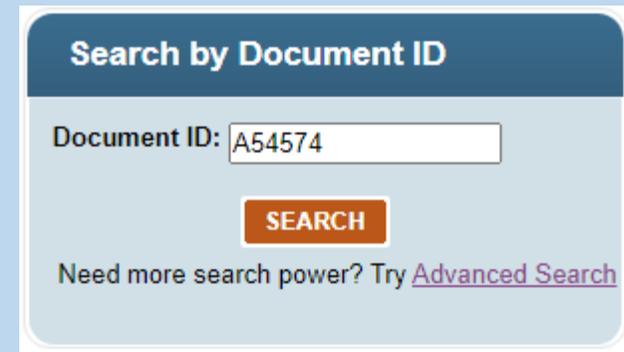
LCD ID #	TITLE	CONTRACTOR NAME	SELECT ALL
DL35396	Biomarkers for Oncology	Novitas Solutions, Inc.	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Search by Document ID

Article A54574

- ❖ In this example, A54574 is used as the Document ID.
- ❖ Add the Article ID to the “Document ID” field on the Overview Page.



The screenshot shows a search interface with a dark blue header containing the text "Search by Document ID". Below the header is a light blue area with a text input field labeled "Document ID:" containing the value "A54574". To the right of the input field is a brown button with the word "SEARCH" in white capital letters. Below the button is a link that says "Need more search power? Try [Advanced Search](#)".

Search by Document ID

Article A54574 – Date of Service Page

- ❖ Enter 11/01/2018 into the Date of Service field



Local Coverage Article Date of Service Criteria

Please enter the date of service in the text box and select the **Search** Button. Use the format mm/dd/yyyy (e.g. 01/01/2001). Leave the text box blank and select the **Search** Button to retrieve the latest effective version of this policy.

Article Effective Date Search

Date of Service (mm/dd/yyyy): **SEARCH**

Search by Document ID

Article A54574 – Results Page

Your Search Results [1 Record]

Selection Criteria: Document ID: A54574
Date In Effect: 11/01/2018

[Modify Your Search](#) | [New Search](#)
[Expand All](#) | [Collapse All](#)

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Articles [1 Record]

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ARTICLE ID#	TITLE	CONTRACTOR NAME	SELECT ALL
A54574	Ambulance Services (Ground Ambulance)	Novitas Solutions, Inc.	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Search by Document ID

NCD 30.1

- ❖ In this example, 30.1 is used as the Document ID.
- ❖ Add the NCD ID to the “Document ID” field on the Overview Page.

Advanced Search'." data-bbox="652 286 900 536"/>

Search by Document ID

Document ID:

SEARCH

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Search by Document ID

NCD 30.1 – Results Page

Your Search Results [1 Record]

Selection Criteria: Document ID: 30.1

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National Coverage Determinations [1 Record]

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NCD SECTION	NCD TITLE	SELECT ALL
30.1	Biofeedback Therapy	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Search by Document ID

NCA CAG-00063N

- ❖ In this example, CAG-00063N is used as the Document ID.
- ❖ Add the NCA ID to the “Document ID” field on the Overview Page.



The screenshot shows a search interface with a dark blue header containing the text "Search by Document ID". Below the header is a light blue background area. On the left, the text "Document ID:" is followed by a white input box containing the text "CAG-00063N". Below the input box is a red button with the word "SEARCH" in white capital letters. At the bottom of the form, there is a link that says "Need more search power? Try [Advanced Search](#)".

Search by Document ID

NCA CAG-00063N – Results Page

Your Search Results [1 Record]

Selection Criteria: Document ID: CAG-00063N

[Modify Your Search](#) | [New Search](#)
[Expand All](#) | [Collapse All](#)

0 Document(s) Selected Add to Basket

National Coverage Analyses [1 Record]

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NCA TRACKING #	NCA TITLE	REVIEW STATUS	REVIEW TYPE	SELECT ALL
CAG-00063N	Cardiac Pacemakers	Closed	New	<input type="checkbox"/>

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