

How To - Reports and Downloads

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Reports Page

The Reports Page is divided between National Coverage and Local Coverage Reports.

❖ National Coverage includes 2 Reports.

❖ Local Coverage includes 6 Reports.

Reports

Reports provide users with reports of National and Local Coverage data. You may begin by selecting National Coverage or Local Coverage and selecting the name of the report you would like to see. Use the [Advanced Search](#) feature if you are looking for a particular National or Local Coverage item.

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National Coverage Reports

This Section is comprised of two reports:

- ❖ The National Coverage What's New Report: Specific National Coverage Document Types may be selected by specific time frames to determine what, if any, changes or updates have been completed to them; and,
- ❖ The National Coverage Annual Report: Three specific National Coverage Document Types may be selected by year to determine what, if any, changes or updates were completed within the specified year.

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National Coverage What's New Report

The What's New Report Browser allows you to run a report for a specific document type and time frame.

- ❖ The query is divided between selections for Document Types; and Timeframe selections.
- ❖ Document Types include NCDs, NCAs, CALs, MEDCAC Meetings, TAs, and MCDs.
- ❖ Timeframes include Last Week, Last 30 days, Last 60 days, or Last 90 days.

☐ National Coverage What's New Report Selection Criteria

An asterisk (*) indicates a required field.

***Select Document Type:**
Please Note: You may select more than one Document type by holding the CTRL key and selecting with your mouse.

All Documents
 Document Type(s)

Select Document Type(s)

- National Coverage Determinations (NCDs)
- National Coverage Analyses (NCAs)
- Coding Analyses for Labs (CALs)

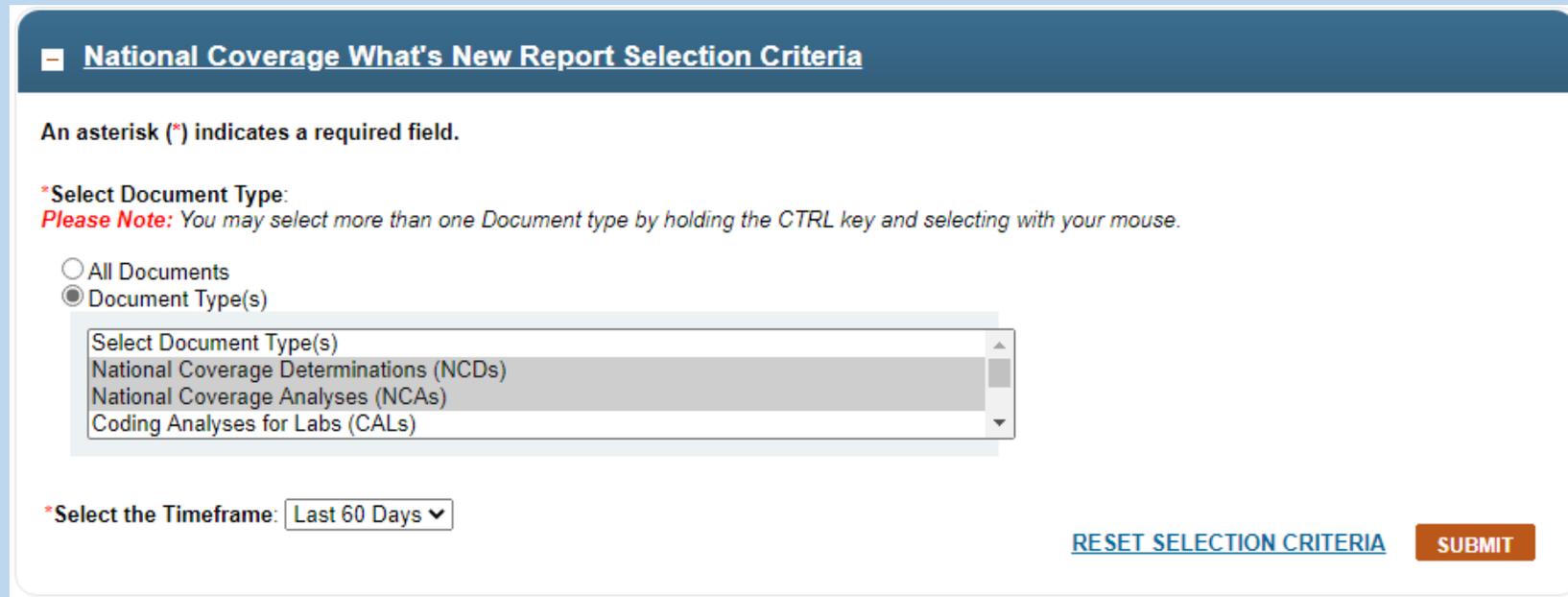
***Select the Timeframe:**

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National Coverage What's New Report – Example Selection Criteria Page

In this example, the user is looking for information on National Coverage Determinations (NCDs) and National Coverage Analyses (NCAs) that were updated in the last 60 days.

- ❖ The Document Types radio button is selected as well as both document types. They are also highlighted below. If the user wanted to review all the National Coverage Documents, the “All Documents” radio button would have been selected.
- ❖ Selected Timeframe is “Last 60 Days”.



National Coverage What's New Report Selection Criteria

An asterisk (*) indicates a required field.

***Select Document Type:**
Please Note: You may select more than one Document type by holding the CTRL key and selecting with your mouse.

All Documents
 Document Type(s)

Select Document Type(s)
National Coverage Determinations (NCDs)
National Coverage Analyses (NCAs)
Coding Analyses for Labs (CALs)

***Select the Timeframe:** Last 60 Days

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National Coverage What's New Report – Example Results Page

The Report Results page does not display any results for NCDs updated during this timeframe. However, the query did return 2 NCA results. They can be accessed by clicking on the NCA Title. They also can be added to your basket. The Results page also indicates the action taken on the document and the date it was updated.

National Coverage What's New Report Results
[2 Records]

Report Creation Date: 12/05/2019

Selection Criteria: Document Type(s): NCDs; NCAs
Timeframe: Last 60 Days

0 Document(s) Selected
Add to Basket

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NCDs
There were no policies updated during the selected criteria.

NCAs
[2 Records]

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NCA ID ▼▲	NCA TITLE ▼▲	DATE UPDATED ▼▲	WHAT'S NEW ▼▲	SELECT ALL <input type="checkbox"/>
CAG-00452N	Acupuncture for Chronic Low Back Pain	10/11/2019	Updated tracking sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>
CAG-00450R	Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) for Medicare Beneficiaries with Advanced Cancer	10/29/2019	Posted proposed decision memo.	<input type="checkbox"/>

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National Coverage Annual Report

The National Coverage Annual Report provides an annual update on 3 specific National Coverage Document Types: NCAs, NCDs, and CALs.

[-] National Coverage Annual Report Selection Criteria

An asterisk (*) indicates a required field.

*Select Document Type(s):
Select at least one type.

All

- National Coverage Analyses (NCAs)
- National Coverage Determinations (NCDs)
- Coding Analyses for Labs (CALs)

*Select Year: 2019 ▼

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National Coverage Annual Report – Example Selection Criteria Page

In this example, the user is searching for all 3 document types for 2018.

National Coverage Annual Report Selection Criteria

An asterisk (*) indicates a required field.

*Select Document Type(s):
Select at least one type.

All

- National Coverage Analyses (NCAs)
- National Coverage Determinations (NCDs)
- Coding Analyses for Labs (CALs)

*Select Year:

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National Coverage Annual Report – Example Results Page

The Report Results include 9 Total Documents/Records. The image includes the 2 NCDs that were revised in 2018. The other 7 results would be in the NCA and CAL sections of the Report Results Page.

❖ To open one of the NCDs, click on the NCD Title.

National Coverage Annual Report Results [9 Records]

Report Creation Date: 12/05/2019

Selection Criteria: Document Type(s): All
Year: 2018

****Please Note:** The annual report is run based on the date the NCA/CAL was opened (tracking sheet posted) and/or on the date the NCA/CAL was closed (decision memo posted). For example, if an NCA/CAL was opened in 2011 and closed in 2012, it would appear on both the 2011 and 2012 reports. The NCD year references the NCD Transmittal Date.

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

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NCDs [2 Records]

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NCD SECTION	NCD TITLE	SELECT ALL
220.2	Magnetic Resonance Imaging	<input type="checkbox"/>
20.35	Supervised Exercise Therapy (SET) for Symptomatic Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD)	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Local Coverage Reports

- ❖ There are 6 Local Coverage Reports on the MCD.
- ❖ Each Report provides selection criteria to filter the reports to find the results that the user is looking for.

Local Coverage [6 Reports]

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This report provides a quick and easy method for determining the most recent "status" for individual Proposed LCDs. The report may be queried by specific MACs or contract types (Ex: All DME MACs) and the query results page lists the Proposed LCDs and their status. [...more](#)

[Local Coverage Determinations \(LCDs\) Last Updated Report](#)
This report provides users with the ability to determine when an LCD was last updated and the reason for the update. It is of particular assistance with identifying LCDs that were affected by the quarterly and annual CPT/HCPCS and ICD-10-CM Diagnosis code updates. [...more](#)

[Articles Status Report](#)
This report provides the user with Article activity and inventory for specific time periods. Users can quickly determine which Articles were approved, revised, or retired in a given time period. [...more](#)

[Self-Administered Drug \(SAD\) Exclusion List Report](#)
This report provides user with a list of drugs that are excluded from Medicare because they are deemed "self-administered". Users select a time period, a specific MAC or a Contract Type (Ex: MAC - Part A), and either a specific code or all codes. [...more](#)

Local Coverage What's New Report

- ❖ This report provides information on all Local Coverage Documents (LCDs) and Articles that were updated in the most recent MCD weekly update.
- ❖ The weekly update is completed every Thursday morning and includes updates to LCDs & Articles that were completed by the previous Sunday.
- ❖ The report can be filtered to include specific Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) or Contract Types (Ex: All A and B MACs) and a specific time period from the “Select Database Update” list. The report is most helpful to determine which LCDs and/or Articles were updated or retired in a given time period.

Local Coverage What's New Report Selection Criteria

An asterisk (*) indicates a required field.

*Select Contractor(s):

Please Note: You may select more than one Contract Type or Contractor by Name by holding the CTRL key and selecting with your mouse.

All Contractors
 Select Contract Type(s)

Select Type(s)

- A and B and HHH MAC
- A and B MAC
- DME MAC

Select Contractor(s) by Name

Select Contractor(s)

- CGS Administrators, LLC (15004, HHH MAC, J - 15)
- CGS Administrators, LLC (15101, MAC - Part A, J - 15)
- CGS Administrators, LLC (15102, MAC - Part B, J - 15)
- CGS Administrators, LLC (15201, MAC - Part A, J - 15)
- CGS Administrators, LLC (15202, MAC - Part B, J - 15)
- CGS Administrators, LLC (17013, DME MAC, J-B)
- CGS Administrators, LLC (18003, DME MAC, J-C)
- First Coast Service Options, Inc. (09101, A and B MAC, J - N)
- First Coast Service Options, Inc. (09102, A and B MAC, J - N)
- First Coast Service Options, Inc. (09201, A and B MAC, J - N)
- First Coast Service Options, Inc. (09202, A and B MAC, J - N)
- First Coast Service Options, Inc. (09302, A and B MAC, J - N)
- National Government Services, Inc. (06004, HHH MAC, J - 06)
- National Government Services, Inc. (06101, MAC - Part A, J - 06)

*Select Database Update: 12/01/2019 (current update) ▼

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Local Coverage What's New Report – Example Selection Criteria Page

❖ In this example, the user wants to know what updates were made to Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC (01111, A and B MAC, J - E) documents with a refresh date of 11/10/2019.

❖ This includes updates/revisions that were made to LCDs and Articles from 11/04/2019 – 11/10/2019. This data first displayed on the MCD on Thursday, 11/14/2019.

Local Coverage What's New Report Selection Criteria

An asterisk (*) indicates a required field.

***Select Contractor(s):**

Please Note: You may select more than one Contract Type or Contractor by Name by holding the CTRL key and selecting with your mouse.

All Contractors
 Select Contract Type(s)

Select Type(s)
A and B and HHH MAC
A and B MAC
DME MAC

Select Contractor(s) by Name

National Government Services, Inc. (14512, A and B and HHH MAC, J - K)
National Government Services, Inc. (14411, A and B and HHH MAC, J - K)
National Government Services, Inc. (14412, A and B and HHH MAC, J - K)
National Government Services, Inc. (14511, A and B and HHH MAC, J - K)
National Government Services, Inc. (14512, A and B and HHH MAC, J - K)
Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC (01111, A and B MAC, J - E)
Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC (01112, A and B MAC, J - E)
Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC (01182, A and B MAC, J - E)
Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC (01211, A and B MAC, J - E)
Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC (01212, A and B MAC, J - E)
Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC (01311, A and B MAC, J - E)
Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC (01312, A and B MAC, J - E)
Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC (01911, A and B MAC, J - E)
Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC (02101, A and B MAC, J - F)
Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC (02102, A and B MAC, J - F)

***Select Database Update:** 11/10/2019

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Local Coverage What's New Report – Example Report results Page

- ❖ The Report Results Page includes: Selection Criteria, Total Records returned, the list of Articles/LCDs updated or created and the “Add to Basket” feature.

Local Coverage What's New Report Results
[16 Records]

Report Creation Date: 12/05/2019

Selection Criteria: Contractor(s): Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC (01111, A and B MAC, J - E)
Update Period: 11/10/2019

0 Document(s) Selected
Add to Basket

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

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DOCUMENT ID ▼▲	DOCUMENT TITLE ▼▲	CONTRACTOR ▼▲	LAST UPDATED ON ▼▲	RETIRED? ▼▲	SELECT ALL <input type="checkbox"/>
A56071	Billing and Coding: In Vitro Chemosensitivity & Chemoresistance Assays	Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC	11/06/2019	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
A56514	Billing and Coding: Mohs Micrographic Surgery	Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC	11/07/2019	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
A57378	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: CYP2C19, CYP2D6, CYP2C9, and VKORC1 Genetic Testing	Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC	11/08/2019	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
A57694	Billing and Coding: Percutaneous Vertebral Augmentation	Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC	11/07/2019	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>

LCD Status Report

- ❖ This report provides the user with LCD activity and inventory for specific time periods. Users can quickly determine which LCDs were approved, revised, or retired in a given time period.
- ❖ On the results page, the Activity numbers provide the list of affected LCDs. This report can be used as an alternative to the “What’s New Report” for LCDs to filter for a longer time frame. Rather than viewing changes weekly, this report can be used for a single month, a quarter, or a year.

LCDs Status Report Selection Criteria

An asterisk (*) indicates a required field.

*Select Year and Quarter/Month to View:

Select one of the following filters (optional):

Please Note: You may select more than one Region, State, Contract Type or Contractor by Name by holding the CTRL key and selecting with your mouse.

Region(s)
[View CMS Region Descriptions](#)
Select Region(s)
Region I
Region II
Region III

State(s)
Select State(s)
Alabama
Alaska
American Samoa

Contract Type(s)
Select Type(s)
A and B and HHH MA
A and B MAC
DME MAC

Contractor(s) by Name
Select Contractor(s)
CGS Administrators, LLC (15004, HHH MAC, J - 15)
CGS Administrators, LLC (15101, MAC - Part A, J - 15)
CGS Administrators, LLC (15102, MAC - Part B, J - 15)
CGS Administrators, LLC (15201, MAC - Part A, J - 15)
CGS Administrators, LLC (15202, MAC - Part B, J - 15)
CGS Administrators, LLC (17013, DME MAC, J-B)
CGS Administrators, LLC (18003, DME MAC, J-C)
First Coast Service Options, Inc. (09101, A and B MAC, J - N)
First Coast Service Options, Inc. (09102, A and B MAC, J - N)
First Coast Service Options, Inc. (09201, A and B MAC, J - N)
First Coast Service Options, Inc. (09202, A and B MAC, J - N)
First Coast Service Options, Inc. (09302, A and B MAC, J - N)
National Government Services, Inc. (06004, HHH MAC, J - 06)
National Government Services, Inc. (06101, MAC - Part A, J - 06)

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LCD Status Report – Example Selection Criteria Page

- ❖ In this example, the user selects two contractors, First Coast Service Options and National Government Services, for the 2018, Quarter 3 time period.
- ❖ You can pick multiple selections by holding the “Ctrl” key while clicking the items

LCDs Status Report Selection Criteria

An asterisk (*) indicates a required field.

*Select Year and Quarter/Month to View: 2018 Quarter 3 (Jul - Sep)

Select one of the following filters (optional):

Please Note: You may select more than one Region, State, Contract Type or Contractor by Name by holding the CTRL key and selecting with your mouse.

Region(s)
[View CMS Region Descriptions](#)
Select Region(s)
Region I
Region II
Region III

State(s)
Select State(s)
Alabama
Alaska
American Samoa

Contract Type(s)
Select Type(s)
A and B and HHH MAC
A and B MAC
DME MAC

Contractor(s) by Name

- First Coast Service Options, Inc. (09102, A and B MAC, J - N)
- First Coast Service Options, Inc. (09201, A and B MAC, J - N)
- First Coast Service Options, Inc. (09202, A and B MAC, J - N)**
- First Coast Service Options, Inc. (09302, A and B MAC, J - N)
- National Government Services, Inc. (06004, HHH MAC, J - 06)
- National Government Services, Inc. (06101, MAC - Part A, J - 06)**
- National Government Services, Inc. (06102, MAC - Part B, J - 06)
- National Government Services, Inc. (06201, MAC - Part A, J - 06)
- National Government Services, Inc. (06202, MAC - Part B, J - 06)
- National Government Services, Inc. (06301, MAC - Part A, J - 06)
- National Government Services, Inc. (06302, MAC - Part B, J - 06)
- National Government Services, Inc. (13101, A and B and HHH MAC, J - K)
- National Government Services, Inc. (13102, A and B and HHH MAC, J - K)
- National Government Services, Inc. (13201, A and B and HHH MAC, J - K)
- National Government Services, Inc. (13202, A and B and HHH MAC, J - K)

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LCD Status Report – Example Report Results Page

- ❖ This first page of the report results includes the Selection Criteria, number of contractors selected, Activity and Inventory Numbers and a Print Report option.

☰ LCDs Status Report Results
[2 Contractors]

Report Creation Date: 12/05/2019

Selection Criteria: Year: 2018
 Quarter/Month: Quarter 3 (Jul - Sep)
 Contractor(s): First Coast Service Options, Inc. (09202, A and B MAC, J - N), National Government Services, Inc. (06101, MAC - Part A, J - 06)

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CONTRACTOR	ACTIVITY			INVENTORY
	NUMBER APPROVED	NUMBER REVISED	NUMBER RETIRED	NUMBER FINAL
First Coast Service Options, Inc. (09202, A and B MAC, J - N)	6	4	0	136
National Government Services, Inc. (06101, MAC - Part A, J - 06)	24	4	0	63
Totals:	30	8	0	199

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LCD Status Report – Example

Report Results Page (part 1)

- ❖ For this time period (2018, Quarter 3) First Coast approved 6 LCDs, Revised 4 LCDs, and Retired 0 LCDs. The total number of LCDs for this contract number is 136.
- ❖ The Column Titles are links to descriptions. For Example: The “Number Approved” is the number of LCDs approved for the first time during the designated period.
- ❖ The numbers themselves are links to a list of documents for the contractor included in corresponding column.
- ❖ For a list of the new LCDs approved during this quarter for First Coast, click on the number 6 in the “Number Approved” column and the First Coast row.

CONTRACTOR	ACTIVITY			INVENTORY
	NUMBER APPROVED	NUMBER REVISED	NUMBER RETIRED	NUMBER FINAL
First Coast Service Options, Inc. (09202, A and B MAC, J - N)	6	4	0	136
National Government Services, Inc. (06101, MAC - Part A, J - 06)	24	4	0	63
Totals:	30	8	0	199

LCD Status Report – Example Report Results Page (part 2)

- ❖ These are the 6 newly approved LCDs for First Coast in 2018, Quarter 3.
- ❖ Each LCD ID is a link to the policy.
- ❖ The user has the option of adding one or more of the documents to the Basket, using the checkboxes in the right-hand column.

■ **First Coast Service Options, Inc. (09202 - A and B MAC, J - N) - Newly Approved** [6 Records]

Report Creation Date: 12/06/2019

Selection Criteria: Year: 2018
 Quarter/Month: Quarter 3 (Jul - Sep)
 Contractor(s): First Coast Service Options, Inc. (09202, A and B MAC, J - N), National Government Services, Inc. (06101, MAC - Part A, J - 06)
 Contractor: First Coast Service Options, Inc. (09202 - A and B MAC, J - N) - Newly Approved

0 Document(s) Selected Add to Basket

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

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LCD ID #	LCD TITLE	SELECT ALL
L37800	Allergen Immunotherapy	<input type="checkbox"/>
L33270	Bisphosphonates (Intravenous [IV]) and Monoclonal Antibodies in the Treatment of Osteoporosis and Their Other Indications	<input type="checkbox"/>
L36209	Cardiology – non-emergent outpatient testing: exercise stress test, stress echo, MPI SPECT, and cardiac PET	<input type="checkbox"/>
L33667	Duplex Scan Of Lower Extremity Arteries	<input type="checkbox"/>
L37697	Emergency and Non-Emergency Ground Ambulance Services	<input type="checkbox"/>
L33762	Treatment of varicose veins of the lower extremity	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Proposed LCD Status Report

- ❖ This report provides a quick and easy method for determining the most recent status for individual Proposed LCDs.
- ❖ The Report may be filtered by specific MACs or contract types (Ex: All DME MACs) and the results page lists the Proposed LCDs and their status.

Proposed Status Legend:

D=Proposed under Development, not yet released for comment

C=Proposed LCD released for comment

E=Formal comment period has ended; comments now being considered

F=Final new/revised LCD has been issued for notice

A=Active policy, notice period complete and policy in effect

Proposed LCD Status Report – Example Selection Criteria Page

❖ In this example, the user wants information on the status of one or more Proposed LCDs from Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC (01111, A and B MAC).

Proposed LCDs Status Report Selection Criteria

An asterisk (*) indicates a required field.

***Select Contractor(s):**
Please Note: You may select more than one Contract Type or Contractor by Name by holding the CTRL key and selecting with your mouse.

All Contractors
 Contract Type(s)

Select Type(s)
A and B and HHH MAC
A and B MAC
DME MAC

Contractor(s) by Name

National Government Services, Inc. (14111, A and B and HHH MAC, J - K)
National Government Services, Inc. (14112, A and B and HHH MAC, J - K)
National Government Services, Inc. (14211, A and B and HHH MAC, J - K)
National Government Services, Inc. (14212, A and B and HHH MAC, J - K)
National Government Services, Inc. (14311, A and B and HHH MAC, J - K)
National Government Services, Inc. (14312, A and B and HHH MAC, J - K)
National Government Services, Inc. (14411, A and B and HHH MAC, J - K)
National Government Services, Inc. (14412, A and B and HHH MAC, J - K)
National Government Services, Inc. (14511, A and B and HHH MAC, J - K)
National Government Services, Inc. (14512, A and B and HHH MAC, J - K)
Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC (01111, A and B MAC, J - E)
Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC (01112, A and B MAC, J - E)
Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC (01182, A and B MAC, J - E)
Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC (01211, A and B MAC, J - E)
Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC (01212, A and B MAC, J - E)
Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC (01214, A and B MAC, J - E)

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Proposed LCD Status Report – Example Report Results Page

- ❖ The report returns 38 Records. This slide includes the first two and are sorted in alphabetical order by Proposed LCD Title.
- ❖ The results can be sorted by any column by clicking on any of the column headers.
- ❖ For ease of understanding, the Proposed LCD Legend is included on all results pages.

Proposed LCDs Status Report Results
[38 Records]

Report Creation Date: 12/06/2019

Selection Criteria: Contractor(s): Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC (01111, A and B MAC, J - E)

Proposed Status Legend:

- D=Proposed under Development, not yet released for comment
- C=Proposed LCD released for comment
- E=Formal comment period has ended; comments now being considered
- F=Final new/revised LCD has been issued for notice
- A=Active policy, notice period complete and policy in effect

**** Note:** Comments submitted after the comment period has ended do not have to be accepted by the contractor.

0 Document(s) Selected
Add to Basket

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

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PROPOSED LCD ID #	PROPOSED LCD TITLE	CONTRACTOR NAME	PROPOSED STATUS	COMMENT PERIOD START DATE	COMMENT PERIOD END DATE**	DATE OF RELEASE FOR NOTICE	SELECT ALL
DL37624	Heliocobacter Pylori Infection Testing	Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC	A	2/1/2018	4/13/2018	4/11/2019	<input type="checkbox"/>
DL38310	Hypoglossal Nerve Stimulation for the Treatment of Obstructive Sleep Apnea	Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC	E	9/9/2019	10/25/2019		<input type="checkbox"/>

LCD Last Updated Report

- ❖ This report provides users with the ability to determine when an LCD was last updated and the reason for the update.
- ❖ It may be filtered by individual MAC or by Contract Types (Ex: A and B and HHH MACs) with a specific Reason for Change and specific Database Update selected.
- ❖ The results may be sorted by column header.
- ❖ The Reason for Change is listed in the 4th Column on the Results page.

LCD Last Updated Report – Example Selection Criteria Page

- ❖ This user is looking for LCDs updated by First Coast and wants to look for all the Reasons for Change.
- ❖ The Select Contractor(s) by Name radio button is used and “First Coast Service Options, Inc. (09101, A and B MAC, J – N)” is selected.
- ❖ For Select Reason(s) for Change, “All” is selected.
- ❖ For Select Database Update, “Any” is selected.

LCDs Last Updated Report Selection Criteria

An asterisk (*) indicates a required field.

***Select Contractor(s):**
Please Note: You may select more than one Contract Type or Contractor by Name by holding the CTRL key and selecting with your mouse.

All Contractors
 Select Contract Type(s)

Select Type(s)
A and B and HHH MA
A and B MAC
DME MAC

Select Contractor(s) by Name

Select Contractor(s)
CGS Administrators, LLC (15004, HHH MAC, J - 15)
CGS Administrators, LLC (15101, MAC - Part A, J - 15)
CGS Administrators, LLC (15102, MAC - Part B, J - 15)
CGS Administrators, LLC (15201, MAC - Part A, J - 15)
CGS Administrators, LLC (15202, MAC - Part B, J - 15)
CGS Administrators, LLC (17013, DME MAC, J-B)
CGS Administrators, LLC (18003, DME MAC, J-C)
First Coast Service Options, Inc. (09101, A and B MAC, J - N)
First Coast Service Options, Inc. (09102, A and B MAC, J - N)
First Coast Service Options, Inc. (09201, A and B MAC, J - N)
First Coast Service Options, Inc. (09202, A and B MAC, J - N)
First Coast Service Options, Inc. (09302, A and B MAC, J - N)
National Government Services, Inc. (06004, HHH MAC, J - 06)
National Government Services, Inc. (06101, MAC - Part A, J - 06)

***Select Reason(s) for Change:**

LCD Type: Final LCDs Proposed LCDs

All
Aberrant Local Utilization
Automated Edits to Enforce Reasonable & Necessary R
Change in Affiliated Contract Numbers
Change in Assigned States
Change in Corporate Name
Change to Lettered Jurisdiction Designation
Creation of Uniform LCDs With Other MAC Jurisdiction
Creation of Uniform LCDs Within a MAC Jurisdiction
LCD Being Retired
NCD Supplementation
New/Updated Technology
Other
Provider Education/Guidance
Public Education/Guidance
Reconsideration Request

Select Database Update: Any

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LCD Last Updated Report – Example Report Results Page

The report returned 140 LCDs. These are in alphabetical order by Title. The report can be sorted by LCD ID, Contractor, Reason for Change and Last Updated on Date.

LCDs Last Updated Report Results
[140 Records]

Report Creation Date: 12/06/2019

Selection Criteria: Contractor(s): First Coast Service Options, Inc. (09101, A and B MAC, J - N)
 LCD Type: Final LCDs
 Reason(s) for Change: All
 Update Period: Any

0 Document(s) Selected
Add to Basket

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ID ▼▲	TITLE ▼▲	CONTRACTOR ▼▲	REASON FOR CHANGE ▼▲	LAST UPDATED ON ▼▲	SELECT ALL <input type="checkbox"/>
L33256	3D Interpretation and Reporting of Imaging Studies	First Coast Service Options, Inc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other (Revisions based on CR 10901) 	08/16/2019	<input type="checkbox"/>
L37798	4Kscore Test Algorithm	First Coast Service Options, Inc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creation of Uniform LCDs With Other MAC Jurisdiction 	11/15/2019	<input type="checkbox"/>
L33257 (retired)	Abatacept	First Coast Service Options, Inc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LCD Being Retired 	12/15/2018	<input type="checkbox"/>

Article Status Report

- ❖ This report provides user with Article activity and inventory for specific time periods.
- ❖ Users can quickly determine which Articles were approved, revised, or retired in a given time period.
- ❖ The Activity numbers provide the list of affected Articles. The Article ID is a link to the document.
- ❖ This report can be used as an alternative to the “What’s New Report” for Articles to filter for a longer time frame. Rather than viewing changes weekly, this report can be used for a single month, a quarter, or a year.
- ❖ Functionally, this report mirrors the LCDs Status Report. Please see slides 14 – 18.

Self Administered Drug (SAD) Exclusion List Report

- ❖ This report provides users with a list of drugs that are excluded from Medicare because they are deemed “self-administered.”
- ❖ Users select a time period, a specific MAC or a Contract Type (Ex: MAC - Part A), and either a specific code or all codes.
- ❖ The report includes the Article ID Number, Title, CPT/HCPCS codes, and Drug Brand Names.
- ❖ The SAD Article ID is a direct link to the record information.
- ❖ Each Contractor/Contract Number may only have one active SAD Article.
- ❖ Each article title begins with a “Self Administered Drug Exclusion List:” prefix.

SAD Exclusion List Report

- ❖ For more information on Self-Administered Drugs, please see the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, Publication 100-2, Chapter 15, Section 50.2 which addresses how to determine Usually Self-Administered Drugs and Biologicals.
- ❖ Use this link for the Chapter 15, Medicare PBM and information on Self Administered Drugs: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/bp102c15.pdf>

SAD Exclusion List Report – Example Selection Criteria Page

- ❖ In this example, the user is looking for all currently in effect CPT/HCPCS Codes included in the National Government Services MAC Part B 06102 Contract SAD Exclusion List.

SAD Exclusion List Report Selection Criteria

An asterisk (*) indicates a required field.

*** Enter Date Criteria:**
Select at least one date criteria

Currently in effect

In effect on this date:

In effect between: -

*** Enter CPT/HCPCS Codes :**
Select at least one code

All CPT/HCPCS Codes

Specific CPT/HCPCS Code:

Please Note: To include multiple CPT/HCPCS codes, enter CPT/HCPCS codes separated by a comma; for example, "00800,04400"

*** Select Contractor(s) :**
Select at least one contractor

Please Note: You may select more than one Contract Type or Contractor by holding the CTRL key and selecting with your mouse

All Contractors

Select Contract Type(s)

Select Type(s)

- A and B and HHH MA
- A and B MAC
- DME MAC

Select Contractor(s) by Name

- CGS Administrators, LLC (15101, MAC - Part A, J - 15)
- CGS Administrators, LLC (15102, MAC - Part B, J - 15)
- CGS Administrators, LLC (15201, MAC - Part A, J - 15)
- CGS Administrators, LLC (15202, MAC - Part B, J - 15)
- CGS Administrators, LLC (17013, DME MAC, J-B)
- CGS Administrators, LLC (18003, DME MAC, J-C)
- First Coast Service Options, Inc. (09101, A and B MAC, J - N)
- First Coast Service Options, Inc. (09102, A and B MAC, J - N)
- First Coast Service Options, Inc. (09201, A and B MAC, J - N)
- First Coast Service Options, Inc. (09202, A and B MAC, J - N)
- First Coast Service Options, Inc. (09302, A and B MAC, J - N)
- National Government Services, Inc. (06004, HHH MAC, J - 06)
- National Government Services, Inc. (06101, MAC - Part A, J - 06)
- National Government Services, Inc. (06102, MAC - Part B, J - 06)
- National Government Services, Inc. (06201, MAC - Part A, J - 06)

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SAD Exclusion List Report Results

- ❖ The Results include the Report Creation Date, Selection Criteria, Article information (ID and Title), the Excluded Codes and the Drug Brand Name.

SAD Exclusion List Report Results [104 Records]

Report Creation Date: 12/06/2019

Selection Criteria: Date Criteria: Currently in effect
CPT/HCPCS Code(s): All CPT/HCPCS Codes
Contractor(s): National Government Services, Inc. (06102, MAC - Part B, J - 06)

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ARTICLE ID#	ARTICLE TITLE	CPT/HCPCS CODE 	CPT/HCPCS CODE DESCRIPTION 	DRUG BRAND NAME 
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SAD Exclusion List Report Results – Part 2

- ❖ For this National Government Services Contract Number, the SAD Article is A53022.
- ❖ The 3rd, 4th, and 5th columns list the excluded CPT/HCPCS Codes and the Drug Brand Name.

ARTICLE ID#	ARTICLE TITLE	CPT/HCPCS CODE ▼▲	CPT/HCPCS CODE DESCRIPTION ▼▲	DRUG BRAND NAME ▼▲
A53022	Self-Administered Drug Exclusion List: Medical Policy Article	J1830	INJECTION, INTERFERON BETA-1B, 0.25 MG (CODE MAY BE USED FOR MEDICARE WHEN DRUG ADMINISTERED UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF A PHYSICIAN, NOT FOR USE WHEN DRUG IS SELF ADMINISTERED)	Betaseron®
A53022	Self-Administered Drug Exclusion List: Medical Policy Article	J2170	INJECTION, MECASERMIN, 1 MG	Increlex
A53022	Self-Administered Drug Exclusion List: Medical Policy Article	J2212	INJECTION, METHYLNALTREXONE, 0.1 MG	Relistor
A53022	Self-Administered Drug Exclusion List: Medical Policy Article	J2354	INJECTION, OCTREOTIDE, NON-DEPOT FORM FOR SUBCUTANEOUS OR INTRAVENOUS INJECTION, 25 MCG	Sandostatin LAR Depot

Downloads Page

- ❖ The Downloads Page gives users the option to download select data sets of the data available on the MCD for use in research endeavors.
- ❖ In order to access the Downloads Page, users must first agree to the AMA/ADA license agreement (partially shown to the right), because the Local Coverage data sets contain CPT/HCPCS coding information.

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DATA SET DOWNLOADS

From this page, users may download the following data sets. **Please Note:** Only the most recent version of the dataset is available; the downloaded database contains future modifications already on file with CMS. Please use the MCD "Date Criteria" search found on the Advanced Search page for precise calendar requests.

- * Current LCDs
- Current and Retired LCDs
- Current Articles
- Current and Retired Articles
- NCDs

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MCD ARCHIVE

Document Update Schedule

Local Coverage Documents (LCDs and Articles) move from the CMS Medicare Coverage Database (MCD) to the MCD Archive in real-time, according to the following schedule:

- Proposed LCDs move to the MCD Archive 1 year after being released to the final LCD.
- Retired LCDs and Articles move to the MCD Archive 1 year after their retirement dates.
- Superseded versions of active LCDs and Articles move to the MCD Archive after 1 year.
- All ICD-9 LCDs and Articles reside on the MCD Archive.

Please visit the [MCD Archive Site](#) to view archived documents.

- ❖ On the Downloads Page itself, there are five Data Sets available for download.
 - ❖ “Current” refers to “Currently in Effect” documents.
- ❖ The Downloads Page also displays information about the MCD Archive. This section provides information on when the documents leave the MCD and move to the MCD Archive.
- ❖ There is another How To that covers the MCD Archive. Please refer to it for more Archive information.

Downloads Page – Part 3

- ❖ The page also provides information on downloading the Data Set files and which programs you will need to use them.
- ❖ The Data Set files are all stored within .ZIP files, so a method to unzip them is needed. For ex: WinZIP, PKUNZIP, 7zip, etc.

Additional Information:

Download Contents

The Downloads provide options to capture a set of Local Coverage data (Articles and LCDs) or National Coverage data (NCDs).

For the Local Coverage data, separate download files are available for "Current" or "Current and Retired" LCDs or Articles. The Download files include Data Dictionaries that explain the content and usage of each database.

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Download Times

If you wish to download this data, please be aware that downloading may take some time (as much as 30 minutes depending on the speed of your internet connection).

Downloads Data Set Limitations

Some Articles and LCDs may contain attachments, but these attachments are not available in the download. However, they may be accessed by viewing the individual Articles and LCDs using the Medicare Coverage Database Website.

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Hardware and Software Requirements

For hardware and software requirements for download files, please reference [CMS's File Formats and Plugins Page](#).

Zip File Instructions

The database that can be downloaded is an Access 2000 database contained within a compressed, or "zipped," file. The database file can be extracted from the compressed file using either the WinZip or PKUNZIP utility. In the former case, open the compressed file using WinZip, select the file with the .MDB extension from the list of files displayed, choose the Extract command from the Actions menu, and then specify the directory where the extracted file is to be saved. In the latter case, open an MS-DOS window, go to the directory where the compressed file is saved, and execute the command.

PKUNZIP "compressed name file" *.MDB where "compressed name file" is the name of the compressed file saved on your disk drive. This case assumes that the executable PKUNZIP.exe is in a directory in your PATH statement.

The latest version of WinZip can be downloaded from [WinZip.com](#) ↗.

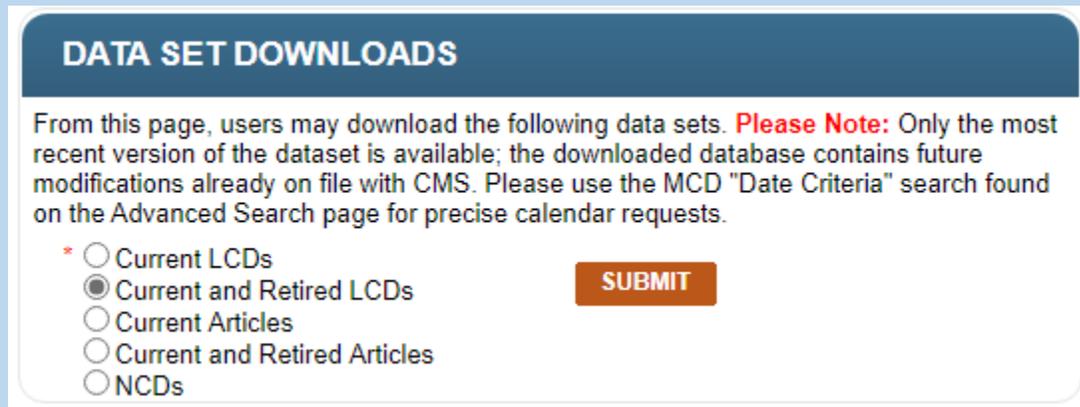
The latest version of PKZIP can be downloaded from [PkWare.com](#) ↗.

Proposed LCDs in the Downloads Files

Proposed LCDs can be identified by using the DISPLAY_ID field. For more information, please see the Data Dictionaries.

Downloads Page – Downloading a Data Set

- ❖ To download one of the Data Set ZIP files, simply select the radio button for the Data Set you want, and click the “Submit” button. The Current and Retired LCDs Data Set are being used for the following examples.
- ❖ Depending on your browser settings, you may be prompted to Open or Save the file. Always choose to Save the file, so that you can unzip it at your leisure.



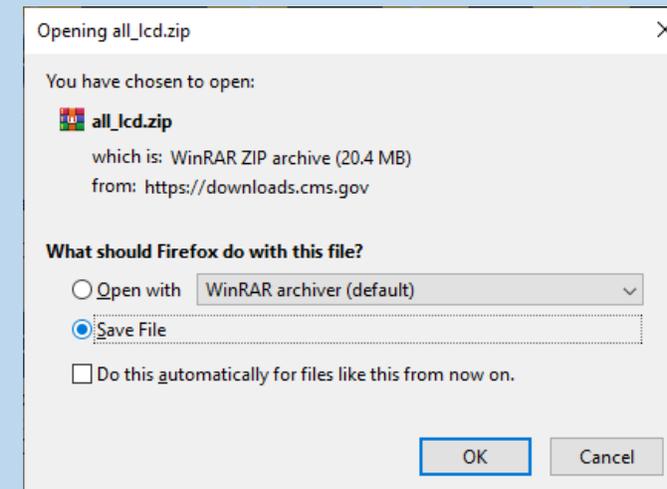
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- * Current LCDs
- Current and Retired LCDs
- Current Articles
- Current and Retired Articles
- NCDs

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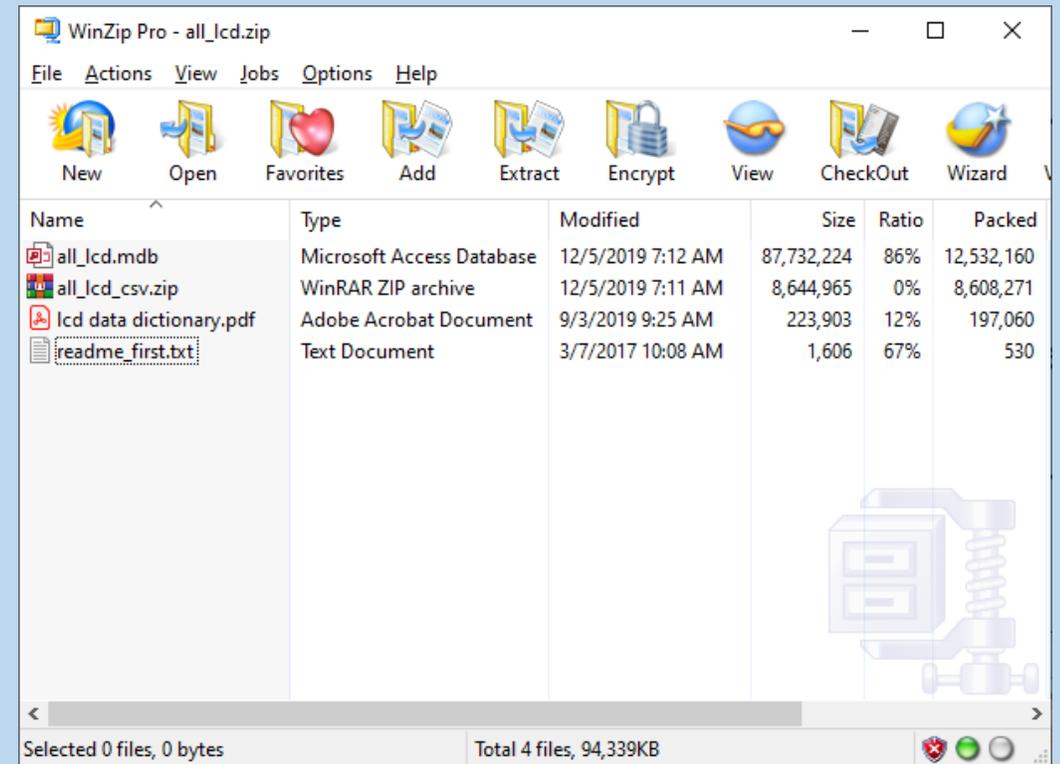


Internet Explorer Download:



Downloads Page – Downloading a Data Set – Part 2

- ❖ Once you've downloaded the ZIP file, extract the contents using the tool of your choice (e.g., WinZIP, PKUNZIP, 7zip, etc.)
- ❖ Regardless of the file you've downloaded, there will be four files within the ZIP file:
 - ❖ A Microsoft Access file
 - ❖ Another ZIP file, containing CSV (comma separated values) files
 - ❖ A Data Dictionary file in PDF format
 - ❖ A Readme file (readme_first.txt)



Downloads Page – Data Set File Details

- ❖ If this is the first time you've downloaded a Data Set, start with the Readme file (readme_first.txt), as it gives more information on obtaining the programs needed to view the PDF, Access, and CSV files.
- ❖ The Data Sets themselves are divided up into multiple data tables. Each Data Set has one primary table, and multiple crosswalk and lookup tables.
- ❖ The Data Dictionary PDF provides in-depth information on the data tables contained in the Data Sets and their relationships to one another.
- ❖ The Microsoft Access file (.MDB) is the best way to utilize the Data Sets, as all the tables are stored in one file, and can be queried using SQL (Structured Query Language).
- ❖ The CSV files are available for use, in the event you do not have Microsoft Access.
 - ❖ There is one CSV file per data table from the Access file.
 - ❖ To use them, unzip the “_CSV.ZIP” file from the main ZIP file you've downloaded.

Downloads Page – Data Set File Details – Part 2

❖ Example of the Current and Retired LCDs Access data tables, and CSV data table files:

The screenshot displays the WinZip Pro interface for a zip file named 'all_lcd_csv.zip'. On the left, under 'All Access Objects', a list of tables is shown, with 'contractor' selected. The main window shows a detailed list of 36 CSV files. The table below represents the data shown in the WinZip interface.

Name	Type	Modified	Size	Ratio	Packed
contractor.csv	Microsoft Excel Comma Separated Values File	12/5/2019 7:04 AM	31,422	89%	3,555
contractor_jurisdiction.csv	Microsoft Excel Comma Separated Values File	12/5/2019 7:04 AM	21,208	90%	2,072
contractor_oversight.csv	Microsoft Excel Comma Separated Values File	12/5/2019 7:04 AM	5,241	77%	1,208
contractor_subtype_lookup.csv	Microsoft Excel Comma Separated Values File	12/5/2019 7:04 AM	85	15%	72
contractor_type_lookup.csv	Microsoft Excel Comma Separated Values File	12/5/2019 7:04 AM	229	33%	153
dmerc_region_lookup.csv	Microsoft Excel Comma Separated Values File	12/5/2019 7:04 AM	462	63%	173
draft_contact_lookup.csv	Microsoft Excel Comma Separated Values File	12/5/2019 7:04 AM	22,443	70%	6,781
lcd.csv	Microsoft Excel Comma Separated Values File	12/5/2019 7:06 AM	29,817,516	76%	7,194,685
lcd_future_retire.csv	Microsoft Excel Comma Separated Values File	12/5/2019 7:04 AM	3,708	70%	1,124
lcd_related_documents.csv	Microsoft Excel Comma Separated Values File	12/5/2019 7:04 AM	541,840	90%	56,556
lcd_related_ncd_documents.csv	Microsoft Excel Comma Separated Values File	12/5/2019 7:04 AM	28,068	85%	4,091
lcd_related_source_icd9.csv	Microsoft Excel Comma Separated Values File	12/5/2019 7:04 AM	103,705	86%	14,686
lcd_url_type_lookup.csv	Microsoft Excel Comma Separated Values File	12/5/2019 7:04 AM	109	4%	105
lcd_x_advisory_committee.csv	Microsoft Excel Comma Separated Values File	12/5/2019 7:04 AM	67,085	86%	9,247
lcd_x_bill_code.csv	Microsoft Excel Comma Separated Values File	12/5/2019 7:04 AM	24,352	87%	3,212
lcd_x_contractor.csv	Microsoft Excel Comma Separated Values File	12/5/2019 7:04 AM	600,771	82%	48,154

Selected 0 files, 0 bytes | Total 36 files, 39,624KB

Downloads Page – Understanding the Data Sets

- ❖ To get the most out of the Data Sets for your research goals, it helps to have a basic understanding of relational databases.
- ❖ The main goal of a relational database is to reduce the amount of repeated data.
 - ❖ For example, let's say your Contract Number has 5 States associated to it. This would require one row of data for each State, for a total of five rows in a data table.
 - ❖ If we put everything into the same table, this would require five rows of every piece of information for that Contract Number, so things like the Contractor Name or the Address would be repeated verbatim five times in the data table, to support five different States.
 - ❖ However, if we put the pieces of information that would be the same for each of those five rows (Contractor Name, Address, etc.) into one table, and the five States in a separate table, then we would only need one row in the first table, and five rows in the second.

All Data

	B	C	D	F
1	Contract Number	Contractor Name	Address	State Abbreviation
2	55555	Sample Contract	555 N. Main St.	AK
3	55555	Sample Contract	555 N. Main St.	AL
4	55555	Sample Contract	555 N. Main St.	AR
5	55555	Sample Contract	555 N. Main St.	AS
6	55555	Sample Contract	555 N. Main St.	AZ

VS.

Contract Data

	B	C	D
1	Contract Number	Contractor Name	Address
2	55555	Sample Contract	555 N. Main St.

Contract/State Data

	A	C
1	Contract Number	State Abbreviation
2	55555	AK
3	55555	AL
4	55555	AR
5	55555	AS
6	55555	AZ

Downloads Page – Understanding the Data Sets – Part 2

- ❖ Taking a closer look at the two tables, notice that the State table also has the Contract Number column as well.

Contract Data

	B	C	D
1	Contract Number	Contractor Name	Address
2	55555	Sample Contract	555 N. Main St.

Contract/State Data

	A	C
1	Contract Number	State Abbreviation
2	55555	AK
3	55555	AL
4	55555	AR
5	55555	AS
6	55555	AZ

- ❖ Using this shared column, also called a Key Column, we can relate the data in different tables together (thus the term relational database).
- ❖ We can even recreate the single table by combining the two tables together using the Key Column to line up the rows.

- ❖ This is also known as a Table Join.

Joined Data

	B	C	D	F
1	Contract Number	Contractor Name	Address	State Abbreviation
2	55555	Sample Contract	555 N. Main St.	AK
3	55555	Sample Contract	555 N. Main St.	AL
4	55555	Sample Contract	555 N. Main St.	AR
5	55555	Sample Contract	555 N. Main St.	AS
6	55555	Sample Contract	555 N. Main St.	AZ

Downloads Page – Primary vs. Crosswalk vs. Lookup Tables

- ❖ Where are the actual State names?
- ❖ Remember the main goal is to reduce repeated information.
- ❖ The Contract/State table has to store the data for all Contracts, so the States could be repeated many times within that table.
- ❖ This leads us to create a third table, that has the States and their descriptions.

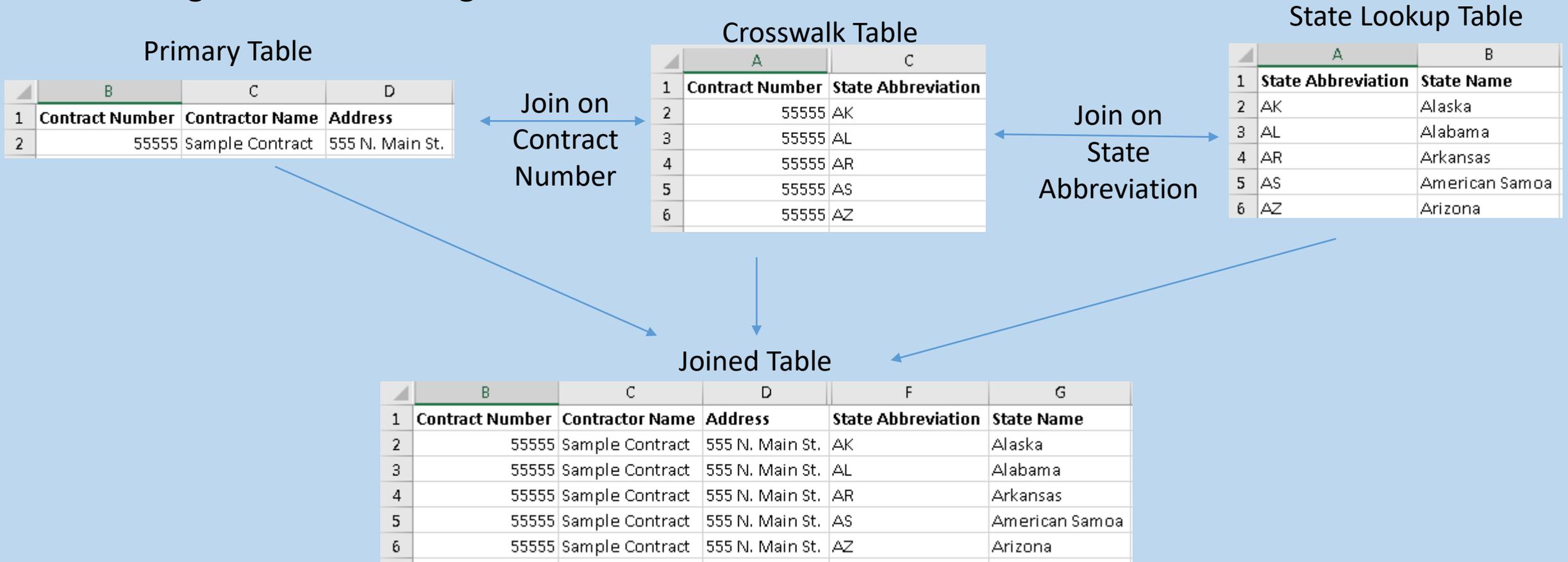
State Data

	A	B
1	State Abbreviation	State Name
2	AK	Alaska
3	AL	Alabama
4	AR	Arkansas
5	AS	American Samoa
6	AZ	Arizona

- ❖ Since our main focus is the Contract information, we refer to the Contract table as a Primary table.
- ❖ The State table with the descriptions is known as a Lookup table.
- ❖ Finally, the table that has both Contracts and States is known as Crosswalk table.

Downloads Page – Primary vs. Crosswalk vs. Lookup

- ❖ Using this concept of table separation and Key Columns, we can Join our three tables together into one big informative table.



Downloads Page – Primary vs. Crosswalk vs. Lookup – Part 2

- ❖ Why don't we just store this Joined table?
- ❖ Doing so would increase the file size incredibly, as all the text would be repeated over and over again.
- ❖ Some notes on naming conventions:
 - ❖ Primary tables are generally just the name of the object you're looking for:
 - ❖ LCD
 - ❖ ARTICLE
 - ❖ CONTRACTOR
 - ❖ NCD
 - ❖ Lookup tables generally end with “_LOOKUP” at the end:
 - ❖ STATE_LOOKUP
 - ❖ CONTRACTOR_TYPE_LOOKUP
 - ❖ Crosswalk tables generally have an “_X_” in them to denote the two tables that are being Cross-walked (X-walked):
 - ❖ CONTRACTOR_JURISDICTION
 - ❖ STATE_X_REGION

Downloads Page – Using the Data Dictionary

- ❖ The Data Dictionary included in your Data Set download, is your absolute best friend when it comes to using the data.
- ❖ Each Data Dictionary contains an in-depth description of every table within the Microsoft Access file (which corresponds to every file within the CSV ZIP file), as well as a Table of Contents showing where to find the table you’re looking for.
- ❖ Every table description has three parts, the list of columns in the table, the Primary Key Columns (a list of Key Columns that make each row unique), and the intended usage of the table.

Table Name	
LCD	
Table Structure	
Variable Name	Description
lcd_id	LCD system identifier. The LCD ID is derived from this identifier by adding the prefix “L”. The exception is Draft LCDs which use the DISPLAY_ID field explained below.
lcd_version	LCD version number. A new version is created for an LCD each time the LCD is edited, approved or reactivated.
display_id	The ID for Draft LCDs is derived from this field by adding the prefix “DL”. The LCD_ID field remains the system identifier for Draft LCDs.

Primary Keys
lcd_id lcd_version
Usage
This is the primary LCD table and contains one record for each LCD. The record included is the most recent version (i.e., the max version) of the LCD that existed at the time of the download; historical versions are not included. Historical versions can only be accessed directly through the Medicare Coverage Database (MCD).
Important! Please note that this table contains Draft policies. These Draft policies can be identified by using the DISPLAY_ID field.

Downloads Page – Using the Data Dictionary – Part 2

- ❖ The Usage section is the most important, as it includes information on what Key Columns to join to relate the tables together.
- ❖ For example, if you want to find the ICD-10 Codes that Support Medical Necessity for an Article, you would look in the ARTICLE_X_ICD10_COVERED table's usage section:

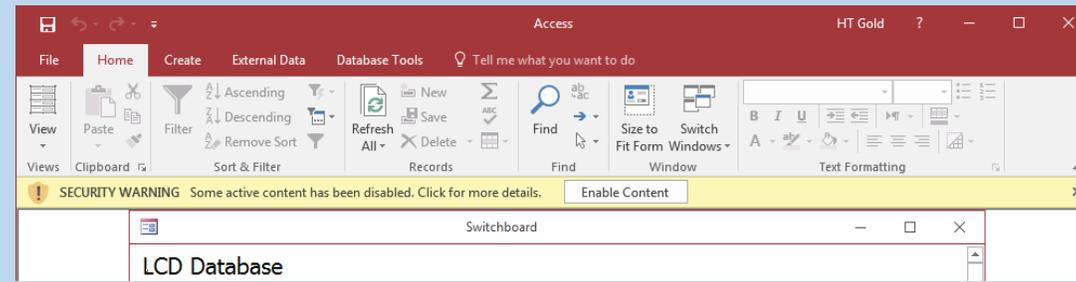
Usage

Join from table Article on article_id, article_version to retrieve the ICD-10 diagnosis codes that are covered for an Article.

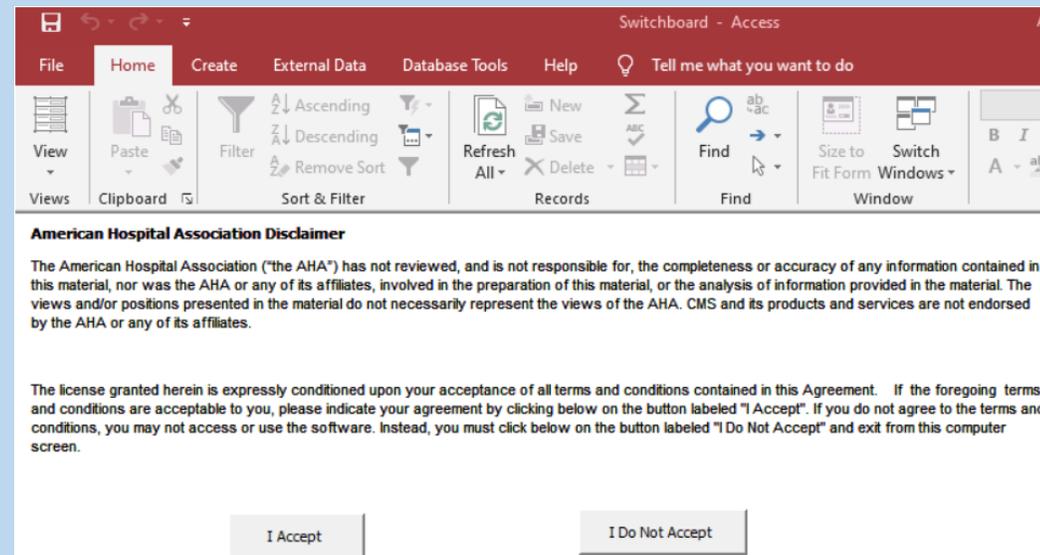
- ❖ Once you've found the tables you want to join together, you can then use the Microsoft Access file to accomplish this.

Downloads Page – Using the Microsoft Access File

- ❖ When you first open one of the Microsoft Access files, you'll first need to click the “Enable Content” button in the yellow ribbon near the top of the program:



- ❖ Once you've done that, you will then need to click the “I Accept” button on the resulting License page:



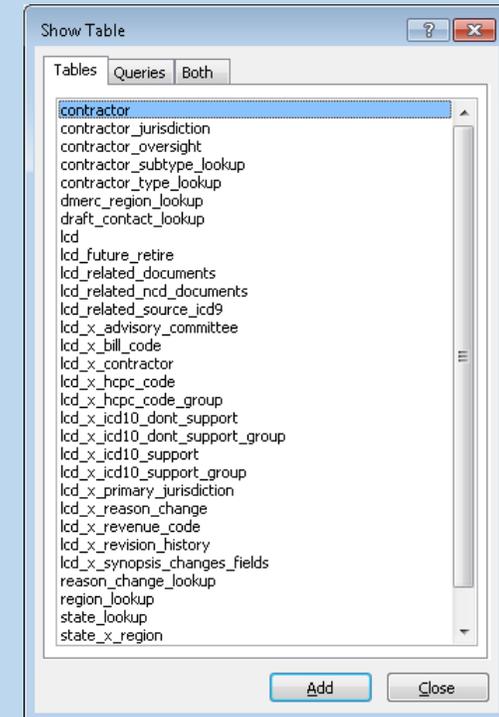
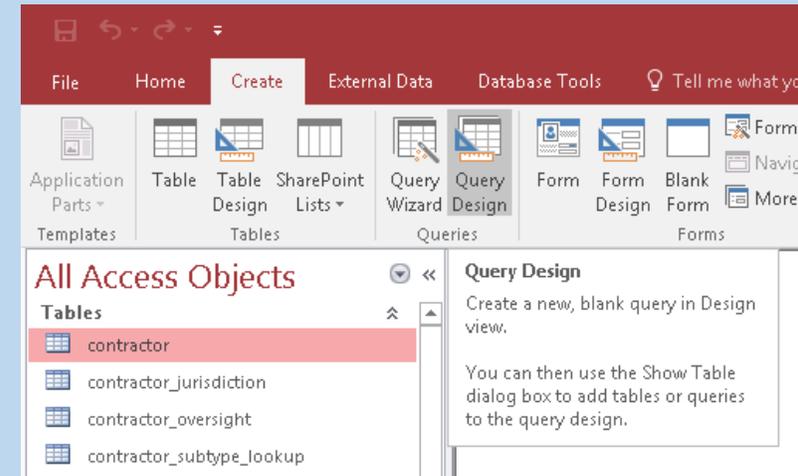
Downloads Page – Using the Microsoft Access File – Part 2

- ❖ Once you've accepted the license, you'll get the list of tables.
- ❖ You can always just open a table and start browsing, but the best method is to create Queries.

lcd_id	lcd_version	display_id	title	determinati	cms_cov_policy	org_det_eff	ent_det_eff	rev_eff_date	rev_end_date	indicatio
32553	8		Allergy Immunotherapy		Language quoted from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Service	10/1/2015		10/1/2015		 Abstr
33252	13		Psychiatric Diagnostic Evaluation and Psychotherapy Services		Language quoted from CMS National Coverage Determination (NC	10/1/2015		10/1/2016		 <u> Ir
33256	12		3D Interpretation and Reporting of Imaging Studies		Language quoted from CMS National Coverage Determination (NC	10/1/2015		10/1/2016		 Indici
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33262	4		Amifostine (Ethyol[®] ®</SUP>)		Language quoted from CMS National Coverage Determinations (NI	10/1/2015	7/5/2016			Amifostir
33263	5		Anorectal Manometry and EMG of the Urinary and Anal Sphincter		Language quoted from CMS National Coverage Determinations (NI	10/1/2015		10/1/2015		Fecal Inc
33266	6		Azacitidine (Vidaza[®])		Language quoted from CMS National Coverage Determination (NC	10/1/2015		10/1/2015		Azacitrid
33267	4		B-Type Natriuretic Peptide (BNP)		Language quoted from CMS National Coverage Determinations (NI	10/1/2015		10/1/2015		Congesth
33268	8		Bendamustine hydrochloride (Treanda[®], Bendeka[®]#482)		Language quoted from CMS National Coverage Determination (NC	10/1/2015		10/1/2016		Bendamu
33270	11		Bisphosphonates (Intravenous [IV]) and Monoclonal Antibodies		Language quoted from CMS National Coverage Determination (NC	10/1/2015		3/10/2016		 Indici
33271	5		Biventricular Pacing/ Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy		Language quoted from CMS National Coverage Determination (NC	10/1/2015		10/1/2015		Heart fail
33272	3		Bone and/or Joint Imaging		Language quoted from CMS National Coverage Determination (NC	10/1/2015				Bone and
33273	8		Bortezomib (Velcade[®])		Language quoted from CMS National Coverage Determinations (NI	10/1/2015		10/1/2015		Bortezom
33274	9		Botulinum Toxins		Language quoted from CMS National Coverage Determination (NC	10/1/2015		6/9/2016		Clostridi
33275	5		Carboplatin (Paraplatin[®], Paraplatin-AQ[®])		Language quoted from CMS National Coverage Determinations (NI	10/1/2015		10/1/2015		<u> Carb
33278	3		Cetuximab (Erbix[®])		Language quoted from CMS National Coverage Determinations (NI	10/1/2015				Cetuxima
33279	5		Circulating Tumor Cell Testing		Language quoted from CMS National Coverage Determination (NC	10/1/2015		10/1/2015		Circulati
33280	6		Collagenase clostridium histolyticum (Xiaflex[®] ®</sup> </sup>)		Language quoted from CMS National Coverage Determination (NC	10/1/2015		10/1/2015		Dupuytre
33282	9		Computed Tomographic Angiography of the Chest, Heart and Cc		Language quoted from CMS National Coverage Determinations (NI	10/1/2015		9/6/2016		Multislic
33283	6		Computed Tomographic Colonography		Language quoted from CMS National Coverage Determination (NC	10/1/2015		10/1/2015		Compute
33284	6		Computed Tomography of the abdomen and Pelvis		Language quoted from CMS National Coverage Determinations (NI	10/1/2015		10/1/2015		CT of the
33285	5		Computed Tomography of the Thorax		Language quoted from CMS National Coverage Determinations (NI	10/1/2015		10/1/2015		A comput
33296	5		Noncovered Procedures - Endoscopic Treatment of Gastroesoph		Language quoted from CMS National Coverage Determination (NC	10/1/2015		1/1/2016		The inten
33312	10		Wheelchair Seating		Pub. 100-03 (Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual)	10/1/2015		7/1/2016		For any it
33316	10		Dialysis (AV fistula and graft) Vascular Access Maintenance		Language quoted from CMS National Coverage Determination (NC	10/1/2015		10/1/2015		Arteriove
33317	11		External Breast Prostheses		None	10/1/2015		7/1/2016		For any it
33318	26		Knee Orthoses		None	10/1/2015		10/1/2016		For any it
33369	12		Therapeutic Shoes for Persons with Diabetes		Medicare Benefit Policy Manual (IOM 100-02), Chapter 15, Section	10/1/2015		7/1/2016		For any it
33370	11		Nebulizers		CMS Manual System, Pub. 100-03, Medicare National Coverage Def	10/1/2015		7/1/2016		For any it
33377	11		Implantable Miniature Telescope (IMT)		Language quoted from CMS National Coverage Determination (NC	10/1/2015		10/1/2016		The impli
33378	12		Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT)		Language quoted from CMS National Coverage Determinations (NI	10/1/2015		10/1/2015		Intensity
33379	3		Intraoperative Neurophysiology Monitoring		Language quoted from CMS National Coverage Determination (NC	10/1/2015		4/7/2016	10/1/2015	4/7/2016
33380	3		Long-Term Wearable Electrocardiographic Monitoring (WEM)		Language quoted from CMS National Coverage Determinations (NI	10/1/2015				Intraoper
33381	6		Low Density Lipoprotein (LDL) Apheresis		Language quoted from CMS National Coverage Determination (NC	10/1/2015		10/1/2015		Long-ter
33382	5		Lumbar Spinal Fusion for Instability and Degenerative Disc Conc		Language quoted from CMS National Coverage Determination (NC	10/1/2015		10/1/2015		 Apher
33383	3		Non-Emergency Ground Ambulance Services		Language quoted from CMS National Coverage Determination (NC	10/1/2015		10/1/2015		Low back
33391	17		Biologic Products for Wound Treatment and Surgical Interventio		Language quoted from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Service	10/1/2015		9/1/2016	6/1/2016	9/1/2016
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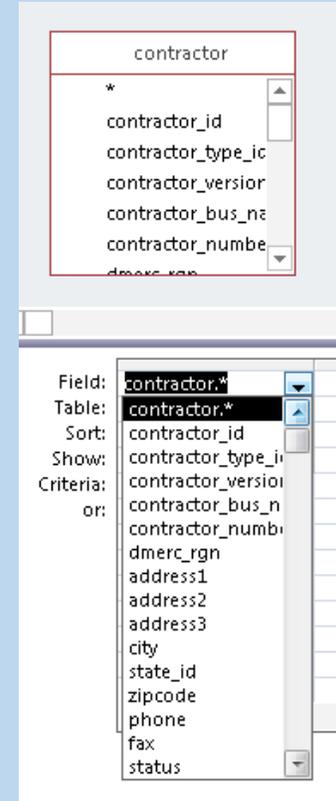
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- ❖ Creating a Query allows us to utilize the information in the Data Dictionary.
- ❖ To create a Query, click on the Create->Query Design menu item.
- ❖ Let's start with a simple query to get used to the interface, selecting all the information in the Primary CONTRACTOR table for a particular Contract.
- ❖ To create a Query, click on the Create->Query Design menu item.
 - ❖ In this case, it's just the CONTRACTOR table .
- ❖ Then click Close.



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- ❖ To start, select the fields you would like to see, we'll chose all of them, represented by an asterisk (*).
- ❖ Clicking the “View” button will just give you a list of all Contracts in the table, and all the columns.
- ❖ To get query results for one Contract in particular, we would select CONTRACTOR_ID (this is an internal, database value) as another field and then put a value in the “Criteria” line.
 - ❖ For these examples, we’re going to be using NHIC, Corp., 16003 (which has an internal DB CONTRACTOR_ID of 137).



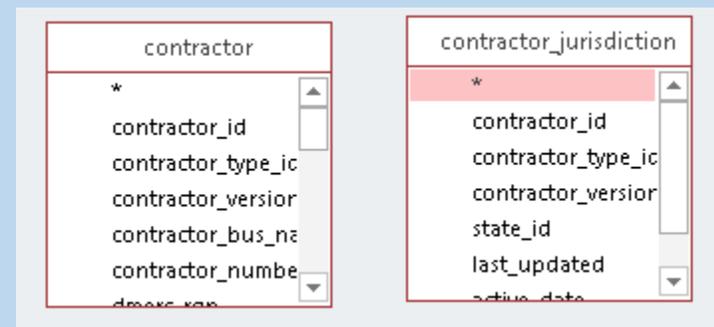
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Table:	contractor	contractor
Sort:		
Show:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria:		137
or:		

Results of Filtered Query

contractor_id	contractor_t	contractor_v	contractor_k	contractor_r	dmerc_rgn	address1	address2	address3	city	state_id	zipcode	phone	fax	status	last_update	url
137	10	1	NHIC, Corp.	16003	1	75 Sgt. Williar			Hingham	24	02043-	8665906731		A	017 4:48:32 PM	www.me
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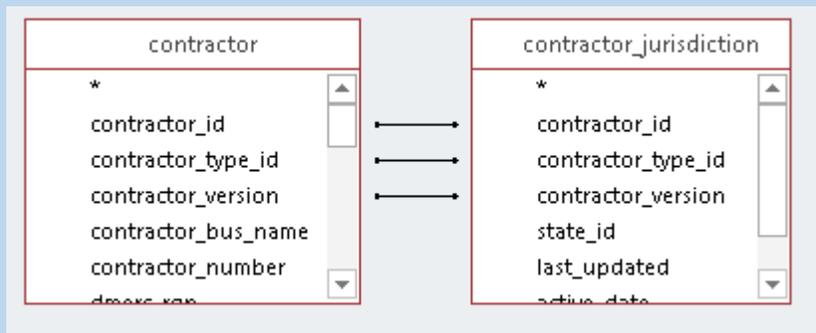
- ❖ Getting back to our first example, let's say we wanted to see all the States for 16003.
- ❖ We would start by selecting the CONTRACTOR_JURISDICTION table from the “Show Table” popup to our query design.
 - ❖ Please note: If you run the Query now (by clicking the “View” button), you will get many more rows than anticipated, because we have not established the relationship between the tables yet.



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- ❖ First, we need to establish the relationship between (JOINing them) the Primary CONTRACTOR table, and the CONTRACTOR_JURISDICTION Crosswalk table.
- ❖ Going back to the Data Dictionary, we know that we need to use the CONTRACTOR_ID, CONTRACTOR_TYPE_ID, and CONTRACTOR_VERSION columns to JOIN them together.
- ❖ Drag the three columns over from one table to another to establish this.
- ❖ Then select the columns you'd like to see in the field list below.
 - ❖ Note that, similar to the internal CONTRACTOR_ID, the States use an internal STATE_ID

JOIN Relationship



Column List

Field:	contractor_id	state_id
Table:	contractor	contractor_jurisdiction
Sort:		
Show:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria:	137	
or:		

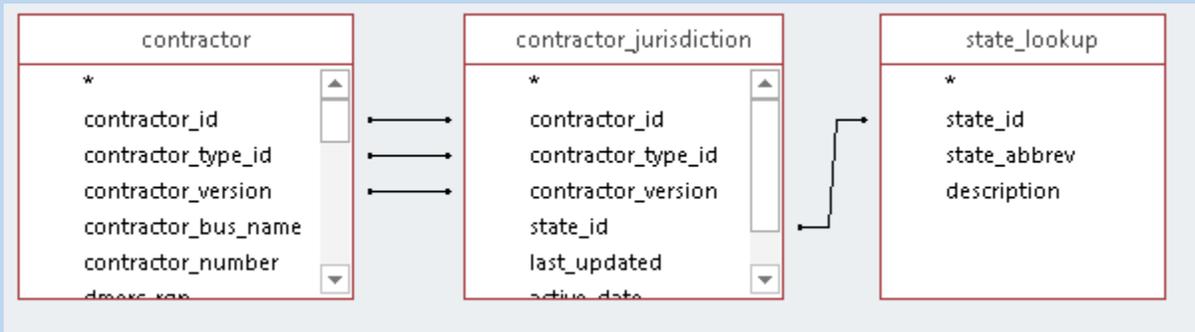
Results View

contractor_id	state_id
137	38
137	9
137	55
137	47
137	41
137	37
137	26
137	25
137	24
137	11
137	10
137	45

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- ❖ To then pull in the State names, add the STATE_LOOKUP table, and JOIN on the STATE_ID column (as noted in the Data Dictionary).

JOIN Relationship



Results View

contractor_id	contractor_number	state_id	description
137	16003	38	New Jersey
137	16003	9	Connecticut
137	16003	55	Vermont
137	16003	47	Rhode Island
137	16003	41	New York - Ent
137	16003	37	New Hampshir
137	16003	26	Maine
137	16003	25	Maryland
137	16003	24	Massachusetts
137	16003	11	Delaware
137	16003	10	District of Colu
137	16003	45	Pennsylvania

Column List

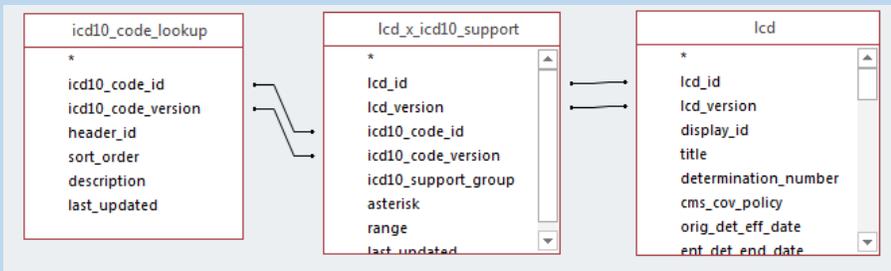
Field:	contractor_id	contractor_number	state_id	description
Table:	contractor	contractor	contractor_jurisdiction	state_lookup
Sort:				
Show:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria:	137			
or:				

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❖ Going in the reverse direction, another example is finding all the Contracts that have a particular State.

❖ Note the Sort added.

JOIN Relationship



Results View

state_id	description	contractor_id	contractor_number	contractor_bus_name
10	District of Columbia	236	15004	CGS Administrators, LLC
10	District of Columbia	236	15004	CIGNA Government Services
10	District of Columbia	137	16003	NHIC, Corp.
10	District of Columbia	389	16013	Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC
10	District of Columbia	320	12202	Novitas Solutions, Inc.
10	District of Columbia	315	12201	Novitas Solutions, Inc.
10	District of Columbia	324	12901	Novitas Solutions, Inc.

Column List

Field:	state_id	description	contractor_id	contractor_number	contractor_bus_name
Table:	state_lookup	state_lookup	contractor	contractor	contractor
Sort:					Ascending
Show:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Criteria:	10				
or:					

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- ❖ That is the method used to get any of the data out of the Microsoft Access file.
- ❖ If you practice those two examples, you will be able to tailor any Query to meet your research needs, using the information in the Data Dictionaries.