

Change to National Coverage Determination may affect your Medicare coverage

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) sometimes change the coverage rules that apply to an item or service under Medicare. When this happens, CMS issues a National Coverage Determination, or NCD.

NCDs tell us:

- What benefits and services are covered
- What benefits and services are changing
- What Medicare will pay for an item or service

CMS recently issued an update to the NCD that applies to the following service:

Home Oxygen Use to Treat Cluster Headache (CH)

Here is a description of the change to the NCD. This affects services given **on or after September 27, 2021**

Services affected	Additional information
<p>The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued an NCD to update Home Oxygen Use to Treat Cluster Headache (CH).</p>	<p>Effective for dates of service on or after September 27, 2021, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services removed the national coverage determination (NCD) for home oxygen use to treat cluster headaches. In the absence of an NCD, coverage determinations will be made by the Medicare Administrative Contractors under section 1862(a)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act, as allowed and described in Chapter 1, Section 240.2 (Home Use of Oxygen), Subsection D, of Publication 100-03 of the NCD Manual.</p> <p>This doesn't mean the services aren't covered. We'll still review services that are reasonable and necessary for your diagnosis or condition.</p>

We're here to help you

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