

## 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:

### Acupuncture

Here is a description of the change to the NCD. This affects services given **on or after January 21, 2020**

| Services affected                                                                               | Additional information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| <p>The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued an NCD to update Acupuncture</p> | <p>Acupuncture is the selection and manipulation of specific acupuncture points by a variety of needling and non-needling techniques.</p> <p>CMS will cover acupuncture for chronic low back pain cLBP. See National Coverage Determination (NCD) section 30.3.3 for specific coverage criteria.</p> <p>All types of acupuncture including dry needling for any condition other than cLBP are non-covered by Medicare.</p> |

**We're here to help you**

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