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

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

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