

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:

Blood-Derived Products for Chronic Non-Healing Wounds

Here is a description of the change to the NCD. This affects services given **on or after April 13, 2021**

Services affected	Additional information
<p>The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued an NCD to update Blood-Derived Products for Chronic Non-Healing Wounds</p>	<p>For services performed on or after April 13, 2021, Medicare will cover autologous Platelet-Rich Plasma (PRP) for the treatment of chronic, nonhealing diabetic wounds. Coverage is up to 20 weeks when prepared by devices whose FDA-cleared indications include the management of exuding, cutaneous wounds, such as diabetic ulcers.</p>

We're here to help you

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