

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:

Removal of Six National Coverage Determinations (NCD)

Here is a description of the change to the NCD. This affects services given **on or after January 1, 2021**

Services affected	Additional information
<p>These sections will be removed from Pub. 100-03, Medicare National Coverage Determinations (NCD) Manual. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services determined that no national coverage determination is appropriate at this time. In the absence of an NCD, coverage determinations will be made by the Medicare Administrative Contractors under 1862(a)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act.</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> <p>Sections affected:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCD 20.5 Extracorporeal Immunoabsorption (ECI) Using Protein A Columns • NCD 30.4 Electrosleep Therapy • NCD 100.9 Implantation of Gastrointestinal Reflux Devices • NCD 110.19 Abarelix for the Treatment of Prostate Cancer • NCD 220.2.1 Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy • NCD 220.6.16 FDG PET for Inflammation and Infection

We're here to help you

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