

## Latest Medicare Coverage Database Website Updates

Effective January 31, 2013

The following is a compiled list of all recent updates made to the Medicare Coverage Database (MCD) website as of January 31, 2013. Please refer to the content of this document before making any inquiries via the Submit Feedback tool.

The MCD updates have been divided into four sections in this document (click to navigate to the selected section):

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# 1 Global MCD Updates

The following updates have been made throughout the CMS Medicare Coverage Database (MCD) Website:

- 1) Updated the Global Header and Footer to mirror the CMS.gov Website.
- 2) Added a link on the MCD Overview page and Page Help pages: “\*New\* Click Here to See a List of the Latest Site Updates” that takes the user to this document.
- 3) Updated the ContrId and ContrVer parameters in the URL. Upon entering invalid data for these parameters, the user is now brought to a friendly error page.
- 4) Updated the error message on the Advanced Search page’s “In effect on this date” field to display: Error: Please enter dates in the mm/dd/yyyy format.
- 5) Updated Date Criteria logic on the Advanced Search page to hide the “Date Criteria” checkbox when ONLY Draft LCDs are selected (Draft LCDs have no effective dates).
- 6) Updated the Page Help pages so special characters display correctly. .
- 7) Updated the PDF attachment function so when a PDF attachment is clicked, a new window opens with the PDF and the original browser window remains on the original page.
- 8) Updated PDF attachments so users do not get a “Page Not Found” error when trying to open PDF attachments.
- 9) Added a link to the Medicare Contractor Map in the Related Links section of the MCD Overview page.
- 10) Replaced the link to the “MCD PowerPoint Demonstration” with a link to the “Medicare Learning Network MCD Manual” in the Related Links section of the MCD Overview page.
- 11) Updated all references to “Draft LCDs” throughout the MCD to be “Proposed/Draft LCD”

## 2 Local Coverage Determination (LCD) and Draft Local Coverage Determination (Draft LCD) Updates

**Please Note:** The updates listed below will apply to all Local Coverage Determination and Draft Local Coverage Determination Document with a **Last Updated Date on or after 01/24/2013.**

### 2.1 Updates to Both the LCD and Draft LCD Details Pages

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The following updates have been made to both the Local Coverage Determination (LCD) and Draft Local Coverage Determination (Draft LCD) Details pages:

- 1) All fields will display on the LCD/Draft LCD Details page, regardless of whether the field has any data. If there is no data in a particular field, then the field displays "N/A."
- 2) Added a line break in the orange page header to make the LCD Title easier to read.
- 3) Renamed the following fields:
  - a) "Contractor Number" to "Contract Number"
  - b) "Contractor Type" to "Contract Type"
  - c) "Primary Geographic Jurisdiction" to "Jurisdiction"
  - d) "Indications and Limitations of Coverage and/or Medical Necessity" sub-header to "Coverage Guidance" and "Coverage Indications, Limitations, and/or Medical Necessity" has been added below the sub-header as bolded text
  - e) "LCD Attachments" to "Attachments"
  - f) "Related Documents" to "Related Local Coverage Documents"
- 4) Removed the following fields:
  - a) Contractor's Determination Number
  - b) Oversight Region
  - c) Secondary Jurisdiction
  - d) Contractor's Affiliation
  - e) DME Region
  - f) Documentations Requirements
  - g) Utilization Guidelines
  - h) Appendices
  - i) ICD-9 Codes that DO NOT Support Medical Necessity Asterisk Explanation
- 5) Added the following fields:
  - a) Related National Coverage Documents
- 6) Added a new section called "Keywords."
  - a) Contractors may enter keywords and key phrases for their LCDs that will display as a bulleted list in the new Keywords section
  - b) Content of the new Keywords section will be indexed; and, therefore searchable via the "keyword(s)" criteria on the Advanced Search.
- 7) Added the "Group X Paragraph" (with X being the code group number) field label so that users can easily differentiate between the descriptions of various code groups. This update applies to the following codes:
  - a) CPT/HCPCS Codes
  - b) ICD-9 Codes that Support Medical Necessity

- 8) Added the “Group X Codes” (with X being the code group number) field label so that users can easily differentiate between various code groups. This update applies to the following codes:
  - a) CPT/HCPCS Codes
  - b) ICD-9 Codes that Support Medical Necessity
- 9) Removed the following information from the Coding Information section:
  - a) Diagnoses that Support Medical Necessity
  - b) Diagnoses that DO NOT Support Medical Necessity

## 2.2 Updates to Only LCD Details Pages

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The following updates have been made to the Local Coverage Determination (LCD) Details page:

- 1) Renamed the following fields from:
  - a) “LCD ID Number” to “LCD ID”
  - b) “Original Determination Effective Date” to “Original Effective Date”
  - c) “Original Determination Ending Date” to “Retirement Date”
  - d) “Start Date of Notice Period” to “Notice Period Start Date”
  - e) “End Date of Notice Period” to “Notice Period End Date”
- 2) Suppressed the following fields:
  - a) Start Date of Comment Period
  - b) End Date of Comment Period
  - c) Advisory Committee Meeting Notes
- 3) Added the following fields:
  - a) Associated Information
    - i) Text entered in the Associated Information field will be indexed and will therefore be searchable via the “keyword(s)” criteria on the Advanced Search.
- 4) Added a new section called “Revision History Information.” This section combines the Revision History Date, Revision History Number, Revision History Explanation, and Reason for Change fields to all display in a table format.
  - a) Please note: The Revision History information included in an LCD prior to 1/24/2013 will now display with a Revision History Number of “R1” at the bottom of the new table. All new Revision History information entries completed on or after 1/24/2013 will display as a row in the Revision History section of the LCD and numbering will begin with “R2”.
  - b) Cells within the new Revision History table will display “N/A” if there is no data.
- 5) Added a new section called “Associated Documents.” This new section will contain the following fields:
  - a) Attachments
  - b) Related Local Coverage Documents
  - c) Related National Coverage Documents
  - d) All Versions
    - i) The “All Versions” collapsible section has been removed and the content of that section has been added to the new “Associated Documents” section

## 2.3 Updates to Only Draft LCD Details Pages

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The following updates have been made to the Draft Local Coverage Determination (Draft LCD) Details page:

- 1) The orange [Draft] stamp visible throughout the document has been updated to [Proposed/Draft]
- 2) Renamed the following fields from:
  - a) "LCD Information" section to "Proposed/Draft LCD Information"
  - b) "LCD ID Number" to "Proposed LCD ID"
  - c) "LCD Title" to "Proposed LCD Title"
  - d) "Start Date of Comment Period" to "Comment Period Start Date"
  - e) "End Date of Comment Period" to "Comment Period End Date"
  - f) "Draft Contact" to "Proposed Contact"
- 3) Suppressed the following fields/sections:
  - a) Original Determination Effective Date
  - b) Original Determination Ending Date
  - c) Revision Effective Date
  - d) Revision Ending Date
  - e) Start Date of Notice Period
  - f) "General Information" section
    - i) This section has been removed and the content of this section has been divided between the new "Proposed/Draft Process Information" and "Associated Documents" sections
  - g) "All Versions" section
- 4) Added the following fields:
  - a) Released to Final LCD Date
  - b) Reason for Proposed LCD
    - i) Replaced the "Reason for Change" field with "Reason for Proposed LCD"
- 5) Updated the "Carrier Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting Notes" field to display in a table format. The table is under the field label "Advisory Committee" and has columns for "Meeting Date" and "Meeting Information"
- 6) Added a new section called "Proposed/Draft Process Information." This new section contains the following fields:
  - a) Sources of Information
  - b) New "Carrier Advisory Committee" table (see section 2.3, #5)
  - c) Comment Period Start Date
  - d) Comment Period End Date
  - e) Released to Final LCD Date
  - f) Reason for Proposed LCD
  - g) Proposed Contact
- 7) Added a new section called "Associated Documents." This new section will contain the following fields:
  - a) Attachments
  - b) Related Local Coverage Documents
  - c) Related National Coverage Documents

### 3 National Document Updates

The following updates have been made to National Documents on the Medicare Coverage Database:

- 1) Added extra line space after each Contact on the NCA and CAL Tracking Sheets in order to make the Contacts field easier to read.
- 2) Updated to location of the “View Public Comments” link on the CAL Tracking Sheet to the bottom of the Important Dates section.
- 3) Updated the NCA Tracking Sheet so the “View Public Comments” link does not disappear after the comment period closed.
- 4) Updated the logic for submitting Public Comments for National Documents so that users are not able to enter a comment after the Comment Period has closed.

## 4 Local Coverage Indexes and Reports Updates

The following updates have been made to the Local Coverage Indexes and Reports:

- 1) Added a new table for Draft LCDs to the Results pages (also known as the List Pages) for the LCDs by Contractor and LCDs by State Indexes. All Draft LCDs for a given Contractor or State now display in a separate table called “Proposed/Draft LCDs for Contractor/State Results.”
  - a) The column headers for the new Draft Results table are, in order: ID, Title, Comment Period Start Date, Comment Period End Date, Status, Final LCD ID
  - b) A new Proposed/Draft Status Legend has been added above the new table to explain the difference between Released to Final (RTF) status and the Not Released to Final (NRTF) status
- 2) Updated the column headers for the LCD Indexes Results tables with the following:
  - a) On the LCD List page and LCD Alphabetical Index: “LCD ID #” has been changed to “ID”
  - b) On the LCD List page and LCD Alphabetical Index: “LCD Title” has been changed to “Title”
  - c) On the LCD List page: “LCD End Date” has been changed to “End Date”
- 3) Added a new “Status” column to all three LCD Indexes so that users can quickly see the status of the LCD.
  - a) The following Statuses are available in the new Status column: Active, Retired, Future, RTF (Draft Released to Final LCD), and NRTF (Draft Not Released to Final LCD)
- 4) Added a new set of filters to all three LCD Indexes so that users can easily locate LCDs with the appropriate status. The filters are checkboxes, not radio buttons, meaning that users are able to select any combination of status criteria before submitting their search. The new filters are organized in the following hierarchy:
  - a) All LCDs
    - i) Active LCDs
    - ii) Retired LCDs
    - iii) Future LCDs/Future contract number LCDs
    - iv) All Proposed/Draft LCDs
      - (1) Proposed/Draft LCDs released to final LCDs
      - (2) Proposed/Draft LCDs not released to final LCDs
- 5) Added a new Contacts page called “All Contacts Listed Alphabetically.” This new page combines all other Contacts pages into a single table so that users can easily browse the list of available contacts.
  - a) Please note: this page does not replace the existing Contacts pages.
- 6) Fixed a bug where HHH MAC contract numbers were not displaying properly on the LCD by Contractor Index and the LCD by State Index.
- 7) Fixed a bug where the LCD Status Report occasionally throws a page error on selection of State drop-down value.
- 8) Fixed a bug where the Date Updated column of the National Coverage What’s New Report was incorrectly displaying a “12:00:00 AM” timestamp.
- 9) Updated the LCD Indexes to fix the following Section 508 bugs:
  - a) LCD Alphabetical Index Page: Insufficient color contrast for red error messages , Please Note text and, \* symbol
  - b) LCD List Page: Insufficient color contrast for red error messages , Please Note text, and \* symbol
  - c) LCD List Page: Caption needs to be added and summary to be updated for the table under Final LCDs for Contractor Results