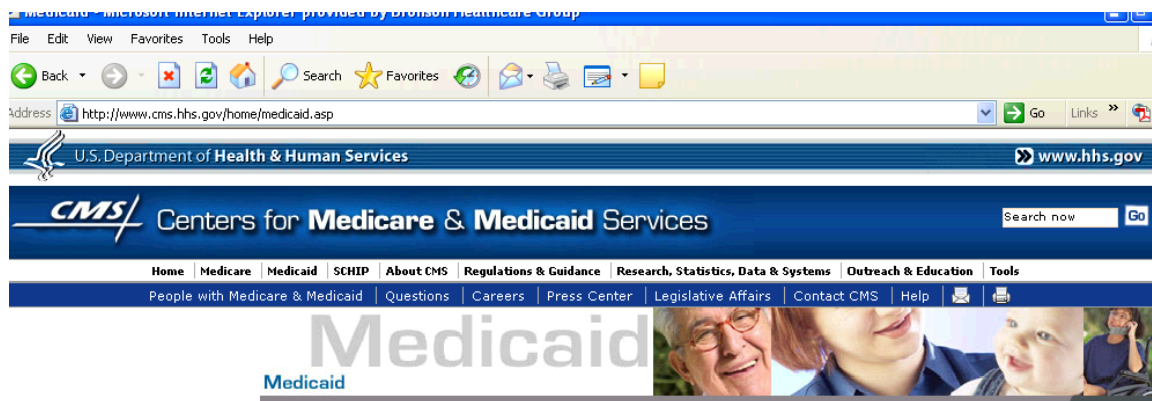




INSTRUCTIONS FOR NAVIGATING THE CMS WEBSITE

1. Open Internet Explorer and type in the web address for [The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services \(CMS\)](http://www.cms.gov) (<http://www.cms.gov>). This will bring you to the home page for CMS.



2. In the CMS Programs and Information box, click on **Resources and Tools**.

CMS Programs & Information

- > **Medicare**
 - » Provider Enrollment & Certification
 - » Fee-for-Service Payment
 - » Coverage
 - » CMS Forms
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 - » Agency Information
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 - » Transmittals
 - » Quarterly Provider Updates
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 - » Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)
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 - » CMS Events & Conferences
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- Under **Site Resources and Tools > Medicare** > click on **Medicare Coverage Database**. This site contains National Coverage Determination (NCDs), National Coverage Analyses (NCAs) and Local Medical Review Policy (LMRPs).

Site Tools & Resources

- Sitewide Tools and Resources**
 - » [Acronym Lookup Tool](#)
 - » [Event Calendar](#)
 - » [Contacts Database](#)
 - » [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
 - » [Glossary Tool](#)
 - » [Mailing Lists](#)
 - » [Media Release Database](#)
- Medicare**
 - » [Medicare Coverage Database](#)
 - » [Improper Medicare Fee-For-Service Payments Report](#)
 - » [Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Look-Up](#)
- Medicaid**
 - » [FirstStep](#)

- On this page:
 - Select both** National Coverage and Local Coverage Documents to search the entire database. (You will want to know if there is local coverage to follow for the information you need or if a National Coverage Determination will apply).
 - Select Michigan under the **Geographic area**.
 - Enter the CPT or HCPCS code for the procedure code for inquiry and click on **Search by Type**. (For our example inquiry we entered the radiology **CPT procedure code** for CT Brain (Head) w/o Contrast – **70450**)

How to Use this Site

The MCD offers multiple ways to locate and view data:

QUICK SEARCH - Allows users to search both the NCD and LCD databases using a variety of criteria such as keyword, diagnosis/procedure, and date. You can use the Quick search to your right. Or click on **ADVANCED SEARCH** to use additional filters to find exactly what you are looking for.

INDEXES - Provides users with pre-defined lists of National and Local Coverage documents.

REPORTS - Provides users with reports of National and Local Coverage data.

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OR BY DOCUMENT TYPE:

National and Local Coverage Documents
 National Coverage Documents
 Local Coverage Documents

***Select Geographic Area/Region:**
 Michigan

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***Select One or Both:**

AND/OR

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5. Scroll all the way down the page to find the section labeled **Local Coverage Determination** for the procedure in question. Go to the section with **the Contractor Type: “FI (Fiduciary Intermediary)** and **Contractor Name: Wisconsin Physicians Service Insurance Corporation**. Click on Computerized Tomography in this section. This will take you to the license agreement for use of “Physicians’ Current Procedural Terminology”.

Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) [3 Records]					
Please note: Any Draft policies are denoted by the prefix "DL" in the ID number.					
Page 1 of 1 View Items Per Page: 25					
LCD ID #	LCD TITLE	CONTRACTOR TYPE	CONTRACTOR NAME	DATE INFO	SELECT ALL
L28516	Computed Tomography	FI	National Government Services, Inc. (00452)	Effective: 01/01/2009 Revision Eff: 03/01/2011 End: N/A Updated: 02/18/2011	<input type="checkbox"/>
L28544	Computerized Tomography (CAT Scans)	Carrier	Wisconsin Physicians Service Insurance Corporation (00953)	Effective: 03/25/2009 Revision Eff: 02/21/2011 End: N/A Updated: 02/10/2011	<input type="checkbox"/>
L28544	Computerized Tomography (CAT Scans)	FI	Wisconsin Physicians Service Insurance Corporation (52280)	Effective: 03/25/2009 Revision Eff: 02/21/2011 End: N/A Updated: 02/10/2011	<input type="checkbox"/>

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*Now – go to lunch while you search this enormous data base for your desired information.
Just kidding – be patient, this takes a while!*


8. Your selected LCD will then be displayed.

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Local Coverage Determination (LCD) for Computerized Tomography (CAT Scans) (L28544)

Select the 'Print Record', 'Add to Basket' or 'Email Record' buttons to print the record, to add it to your basket or to email the record. If the record is open for public comment, select the 'Comment' button to submit a public comment.

Need a PDF? 
Print Record
Add to Basket
Email Record

Section Navigation

Go

[Expand All](#) | [Collapse All](#)

Contractor Information

9. From the blue drop-down box choose: **ICD-9 codes That Support Medical Necessity**. These codes are listed in anatomic sections. Choose a payable diagnosis code from the list **which can be supported in your medical record**. You also have the ability here to see which codes would not pass for compliance reasons. Click Go.

Select Section
Contractor Name
Contractor Number
Contractor Type
LCD ID Number
LCD Title
Contractor's Determination Number
AMA CPT/ADA CDT Copyright Statement
CMS National Coverage Policy
Primary Geographic Jurisdiction
Oversight Region
Original Determination Effective Date
Original Determination Ending Date
Revision Effective Date
Revision Ending Date
Indications and Limitations of Coverage and/or Medical Necessity
Bill Type Codes
Revenue Codes
CPT/HCPCS Codes
ICD-9 Codes that Support Medical Necessity
ICD-9 Codes that DO NOT Support Medical Necessity
Diagnoses that Support Medical Necessity
ICD-9 Codes that DO NOT Support Medical Necessity Asterisk Explanation
Diagnoses that DO NOT Support Medical Necessity
Documentations Requirements
Appendices
Utilization Guidelines
Sources of Information and Basis for Decision
Advisory Meeting Notes
Start Date of Comment Period
Select Section

ICD-9 Codes that Support Medical Necessity

Below is one example of a code that would be payable for the CPT code inquiry search.

ICD-9 Codes that Support Medical Necessity

Note: ICD-9 codes must be coded to the highest level of specificity.

Note: ICD-9 codes V67.00, V67.09, V67.1, V67.2 and V71.1 are non-specific and require an additional ICD-9 code for payment.

HEAD, NECK, FACE, ORBIT, JAW (70450-70498)

013.00 - 013.46

TUBERCULOUS MENINGITIS UNSPECIFIED EXAMINATION - TUBERCULOMA OF SPINAL CORD TUBERCLE BACILLI NOT FOUND BY BACTERIOLOGICAL OR HISTOLOGICAL EXAMINATION BUT TUBERCULOSIS CONFIRMED BY OTHER METHODS (INOCULATION OF ANIMALS)

Happy hunting!

This document was created with radiology procedures in mind; however, the process should be the same when searching for other CPT/HCPCS codes.

If you have any questions regarding this process or other coding questions **for radiology procedures**, please contact:

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