

Title: Screening for Lung Cancer with Low Dose Computed Tomography (LDCT)

Decision: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is reconsidering national coverage determination (NCD) 210.14 Screening for Lung Cancer with Low-Dose Computed Tomography (LDCT) and has determined that the evidence is sufficient to expand the eligibility criteria for Medicare beneficiaries receiving this service. This final decision lowers the starting age for screening from 55 to 50 years and reduces the tobacco smoking history from at least 30 packs per year to at least 20 packs per year. In addition, the revised NCD simplifies requirements for the counseling and shared decision-making visit as well as revises the requirements for the reading radiologist and radiology imaging facility.

What this means: Screening for Lung Cancer with Low Dose Computed Tomography (LDCT) may be covered for members who meet the Medicare criteria.

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This announcement can be found at: [Screening for Lung Cancer with Low Dose Computed Tomography \(LDCT\) \(CAG-00439R\)](#)

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