



## National Coverage Determination (NCD) Update

**Benefit:** Screening for Lung Cancer with Low Dose Computed Tomography (LCDT)

**Effective Date:** February 10, 2022

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) notified its determination to expand the eligibility criteria for Medicare beneficiaries who are receiving low-dose computed tomography (LDCT), when the following criteria are met:

1. Being between the ages of 50 and 77
2. Being asymptomatic, that is, no signs or symptoms of lung cancer
3. Having tobacco smoking history for at least 20 pack-years
  - a. One pack year = smoke one pack a day for one year
  - b. One pack = 20 cigarettes
4. Be a current smoker or someone who has quit smoking in the past 15 years; AND
5. Receive an order for lung cancer screening with LDCT

To access the memo containing the CMS decision, go to: <https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/ncacal-decision-memo.aspx?proposed=N&NCAId=304>

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