

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:

Lung Cancer Screening with Low Dose Computed Tomography (LDCT)

Here is a description of the change to the NCD. This affects services given **on or after February 10, 2022**

Services affected	Additional information
<p>The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued an NCD to update Lung Cancer Screening with Low Dose Computed Tomography (LDCT).</p>	<p>Effective February 10, 2022, CMS expanded Medicare eligibility for screening for lung cancer with LDCT to closely align with the United States Preventive Services Task Force's recommendation. CMS is lowering the minimum age for screening from 55 to 50 years and reducing the smoking history from at least 30 pack-years to at least 20 pack-years.</p>

We're here to help you

Mercy Care Advantage is an HMO SNP with a Medicare contract and a contract with the Arizona Medicaid Program. Enrollment in Mercy Care Advantage depends on contract renewal. This information is not a complete description of benefits. Contact the plan for more information. Limitations, copayments, and restrictions may apply. Benefits and/or copayments/coinsurance may change on January 1 of each year. The formulary, pharmacy network, and/or provider network may change at any time. You will receive notice when necessary. See Evidence of Coverage for a complete description of benefits, exclusions, limitations and conditions of coverage. If you have questions, Mercy Care Advantage Member Services representatives are available to help you 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., 7 days a week. Please call 602-586-1730 or 1-877-436-5288 (TTY 711).