Local Coverage Determination (LCD) Flow Chart

The flow chart is designed to provide a brief overview of the LCD process. The full process is outlined in the CMS Internet-Only Manual Publication 100-08, *Medicare Program Integrity Manual*, Chapter 13: https://www.cms.gov/regulations-and-guidance/guidance/manuals/downloads/pim83c13.pdf

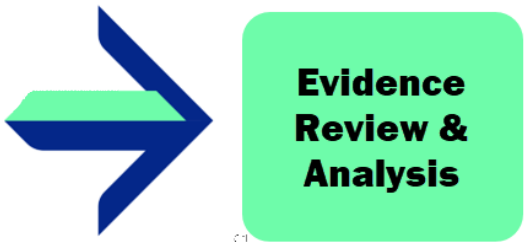


Informal Meetings

MACs identify new or emerging Technology or Medicine

New LCD Requests or Reconsideration Requests

Multi-MAC collaborative Workgroup discussion



Review of the available clinical literature

Data analysis

Stakeholder/Expert input via Evidentiary CACs



Open Comment Period (45 day minimum)

Open meeting to seek public feedback

CAC Engagement meeting



Consider comments and update the LCD (if necessary)

Publish Final LCD and Response to Comments document

Notice Period (45 day minimum)

After the notice period, the LCD becomes active