# Finding Medicare Coverage Policies and Articles

Medicare coverage policies/articles are updated periodically; and new proposed policies/articles are posted for public comment periodically. There is no set schedule for when these documents are posted.

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Rather than searching for a specific type of service, you can search for a list of all documents of a certain type in your State. Options include: National Coverage Determinations (NCD), final Local Coverage Determinations (LCD), proposed LCD, and coverage Articles. Prior to 2021, the name "Draft LCD" was used for Proposed LCD.

Wound centers should periodically look for any proposed LCD. The recommended interval is quarterly, so you have a chance to comment on the proposed LCD within the comment period.

From the main MCD Search page, Select "Reports", then select the document type. For LCD or Articles, also select "\_\_\_\_\_ by State Report".



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