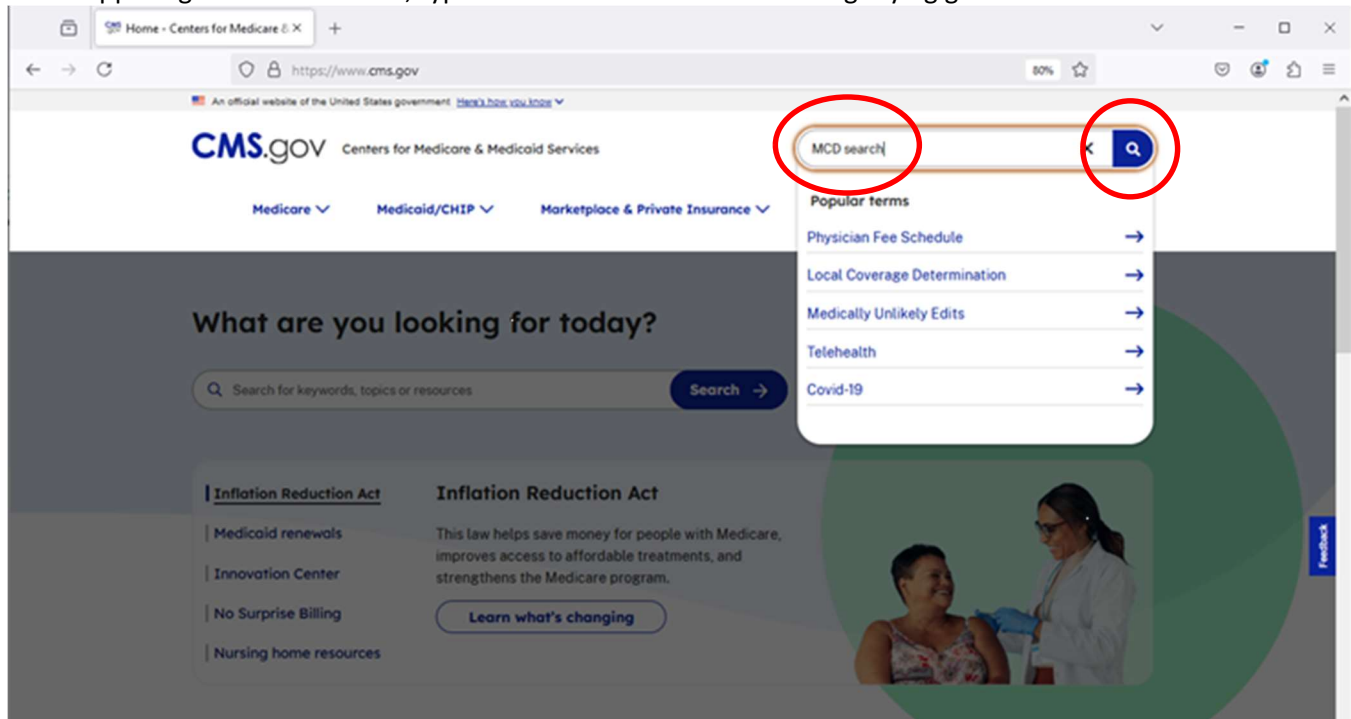


Finding Medicare Coverage Policies and Articles

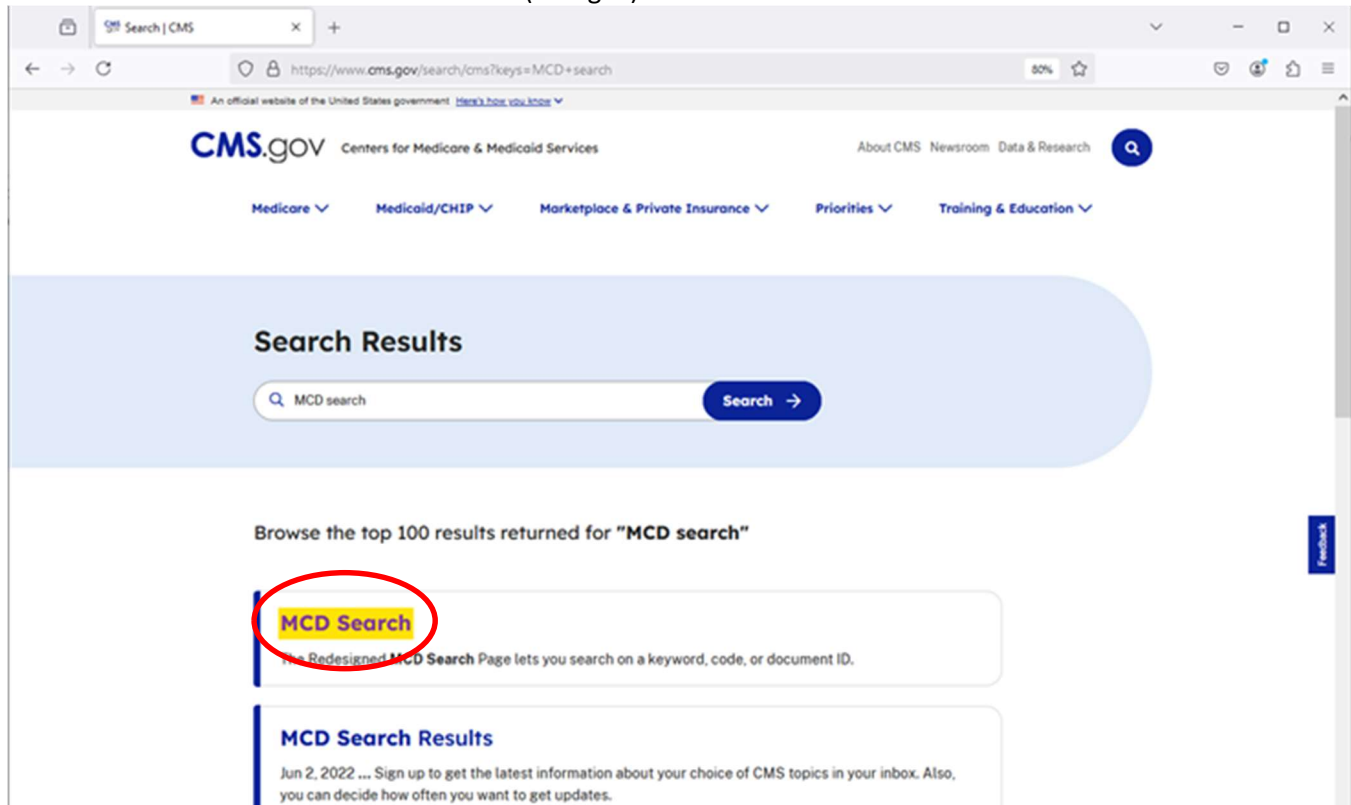
Medicare coverage policies/articles are updated periodically; and new proposed policies/articles are posted for public comment periodically. There is no set schedule for when these documents are posted.

Go to the website: www.cms.gov

In the upper right Search window, type "MCD search". Click on the magnifying glass.

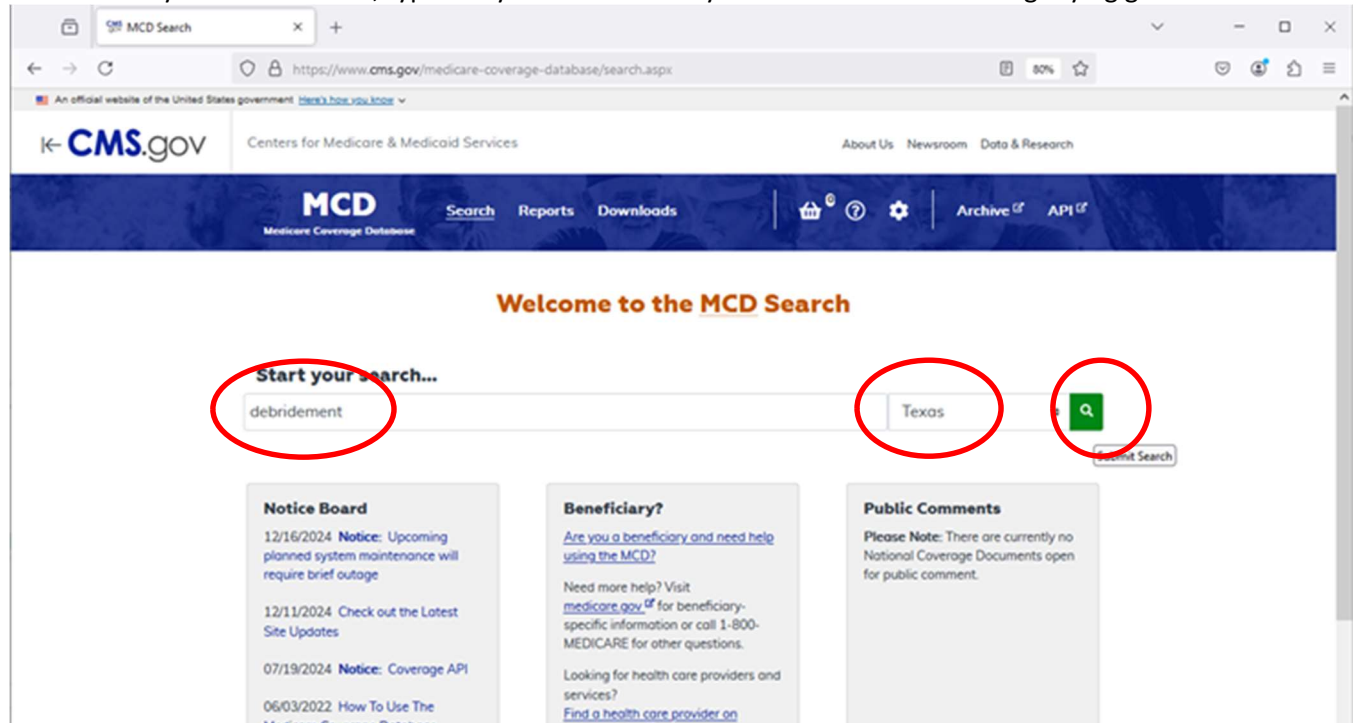


Select the first item returned "MCD Search (cms.gov)".



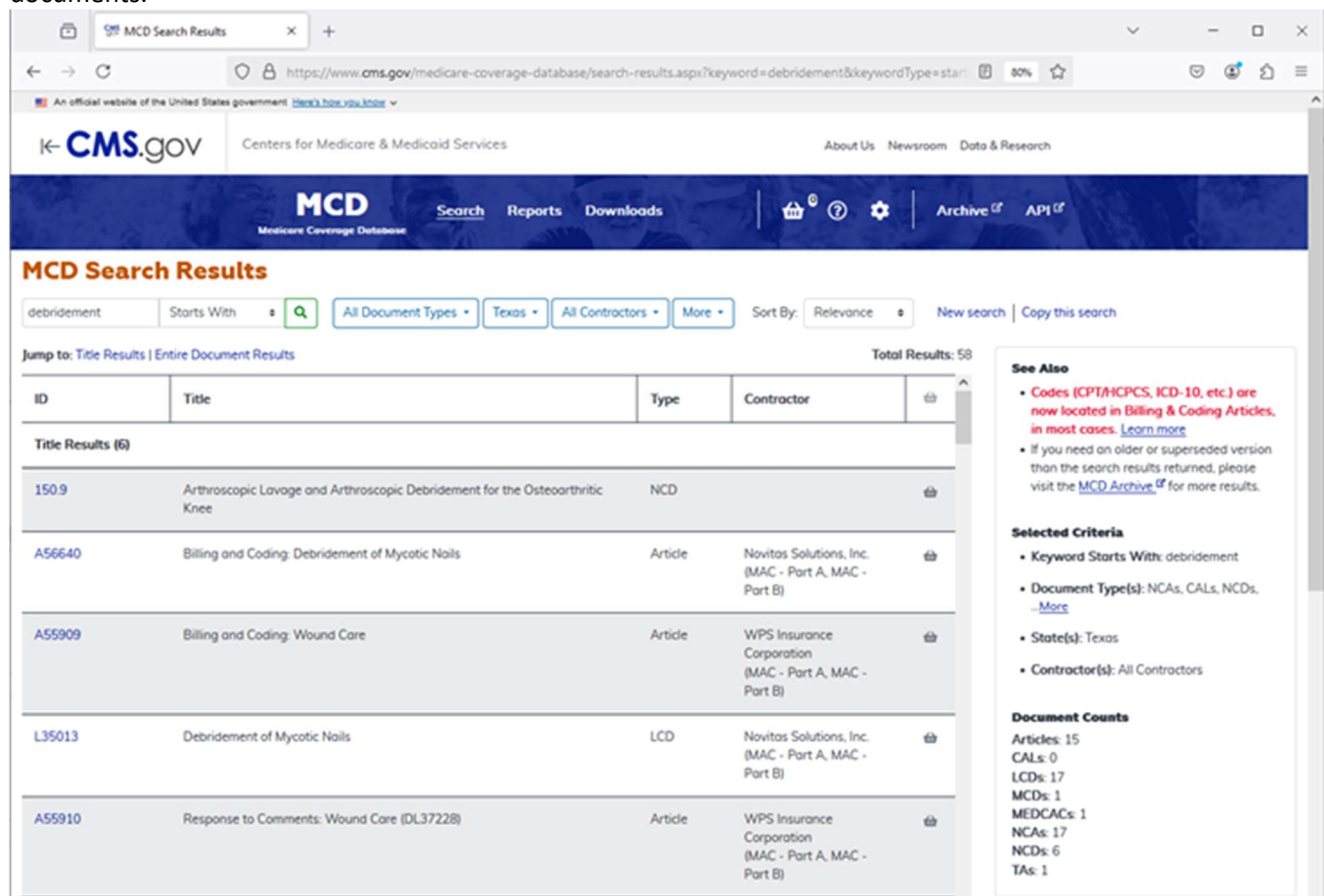
Search by keyword and State

In the “Start your search” area, type a keyword and select your State. Click on the magnifying glass.



The screenshot shows the CMS.gov MCD Search page. The search bar is labeled "Start your search..." and contains the keyword "debridement". To the right of the search bar is a dropdown menu for the state, currently set to "Texas". A magnifying glass icon is located to the right of the state dropdown. Below the search bar, there are three sections: "Notice Board", "Beneficiary?", and "Public Comments".

A list of all documents applicable to your State will be displayed. The sample search returned a total of 58 documents.



The screenshot shows the CMS.gov MCD Search Results page. The search bar contains "debridement" and the state is set to "Texas". The results table lists 6 documents. The total number of results is 58.

ID	Title	Type	Contractor
1509	Arthroscopic Lavage and Arthroscopic Debridement for the Osteoarthritic Knee	NCD	
A56640	Billing and Coding: Debridement of Mycotic Nails	Article	Novitas Solutions, Inc. (MAC - Part A, MAC - Part B)
A55909	Billing and Coding: Wound Care	Article	WPS Insurance Corporation (MAC - Part A, MAC - Part B)
L35013	Debridement of Mycotic Nails	LCD	Novitas Solutions, Inc. (MAC - Part A, MAC - Part B)
A55910	Response to Comments: Wound Care (DL37228)	Article	WPS Insurance Corporation (MAC - Part A, MAC - Part B)

See Also

- Codes (CPT/HCPCS, ICD-10, etc.) are now located in Billing & Coding Articles, in most cases. [Learn more](#)
- If you need an older or superseded version than the search results returned, please visit the [MCD Archive](#) for more results.

Selected Criteria

- Keyword Starts With: debridement
- Document Type(s): NCAs, CALs, NCDs, [More](#)
- State(s): Texas
- Contractor(s): All Contractors

Document Counts

- Articles: 15
- CALs: 0
- LCDs: 17
- MCDs: 1
- MEDCACs: 1
- NCAs: 17
- NCDs: 6
- TAs: 1

You can narrow the search by clicking on “All Document Types” and selecting certain document types. Recommend selecting NCDs, Billing and Coding Articles, and All LCDs. Click “Apply”.

The screenshot shows the CMS.gov MCD Search Results page. The search term is 'debridement'. The 'All Document Types' dropdown menu is open, showing the following options:

- ☐ All National Coverage
 - ☐ NCAs (National Coverage Analyses)
 - ☐ CALs (Coding Analyses for Labs)
 - ☒ NCDs (National Coverage Determinations)
 - ☐ MEDCACs (Medicare Evidence Development & Coverage Advisory Committee Meetings)
 - ☐ TAs (Technology Assessments)
 - ☐ MCDs (Medicare Coverage Documents)
- ☐ All Local Coverage
 - ☐ All Articles
 - ☒ B&C (Billing and Coding) Articles
 - ☐ SAD (Self-Administered Drug Exclusion) Articles
 - ☐ RTC (Response to Comment) Articles
 - ☐ All Other Articles
 - ☒ All LCDs (Policies)
 - ☒ Final LCDs (Final Policies)
 - ☒ Proposed LCDs (Proposed Policies)

The 'Apply' button is highlighted with a red circle. The 'Total Results' are 58.

A list of all the relevant documents will be displayed. The sample search returned a total of 30 documents.

The screenshot shows the CMS.gov MCD Search Results page with the search term 'debridement'. The 'Total Results' are 30. The search results table is displayed below.

ID	Title	Type	Contractor
150.9	Arthroscopic Lavage and Arthroscopic Debridement for the Osteoarthritic Knee	NCD	
A56640	Billing and Coding: Debridement of Mycotic Nails	Article	Novitas Solutions, Inc. (MAC - Part A, MAC - Part B)
A55909	Billing and Coding: Wound Care	Article	WPS Insurance Corporation (MAC - Part A, MAC - Part B)
L35013	Debridement of Mycotic Nails	LCD	Novitas Solutions, Inc. (MAC - Part A, MAC - Part B)
L37228	Wound Care	LCD	WPS Insurance Corporation (MAC - Part A, MAC - Part B)

The 'Total Results' are 30. The 'Selected Criteria' are:

- Keyword Starts With: debridement
- Document Type(s): NCDs, B&C Articles, Final LCDs, ...
- State(s): Texas
- Contractor(s): All Contractors

The 'Document Counts' are:

- Articles: 7
- CALs: 0
- LCDs: 17
- MCDs: 0
- MEDCACs: 0
- NCAs: 0
- NCDs: 6
- TAs: 0

To narrow the list further, you can click on “More”, select “CPT/HCPCS”, select “Enter a CPT/HCPCS Procedure Code:”, and type in the CPT code relevant to the documents you want. Click “Apply”.

The screenshot shows the CMS.gov MCD Search Results page. The search term is 'debridement'. The filters applied are 'Multiple Document Types', 'Texas', 'All Contractors', and 'More'. The 'More' dropdown is open, showing the following options:

- ☐ NCA/CAL Status (NCAs and CALs only)
- ☐ Benefit Category (NCAs, CALs, and NCDs only)
- ☒ CPT/HCPCS (Local Coverage only)
- ☒ Enter a CPT/HCPCS Procedure Code: 97597
- ☐ Enter a CPT/HCPCS Procedure Code Range: Enter Start Code - Enter End Code
- ☐ ICD-10-CM (Local Coverage only)
- ☐ Date Criteria
- ☐ Article LCD Status (Articles and LCDs only)

The 'Apply' button is highlighted. The search results table shows 5 items:

ID	Title	Type	Contractor
1509	Arthroscopic Knee		
A56640	Billing and Coding: Wound Care	Article	WPS Insurance Corporation (MAC - Part A, MAC - Part B)
A55909	Billing and Coding: Wound Care	Article	WPS Insurance Corporation (MAC - Part A, MAC - Part B)
L35013	Debridement of Mycotic Nails	LCD	Novitas Solutions, Inc. (MAC - Part A, MAC - Part B)
L37228	Wound Care	LCD	WPS Insurance Corporation (MAC - Part A, MAC - Part B)

The 'Total Results' are 30. The 'Selected Criteria' section shows:

- Keyword Starts With: debridement
- Document Type(s): NCDs, B&C Articles, Final LCDs, ...More
- State(s): Texas
- Contractor(s): All Contractors

The 'Document Counts' section shows:

- Articles: 7
- CALs: 0
- LCDs: 17
- MCDs: 0
- MEDCACs: 0
- NCAs: 0
- NCDs: 6

A list of only the documents containing that CPT code will be displayed.

The screenshot shows the CMS.gov MCD Search Results page with the same search term and filters. The 'More' dropdown is now 'More (1)'. The search results table shows 2 items:

ID	Title	Type	Contractor
A55909	Billing and Coding: Wound Care	Article	WPS Insurance Corporation (MAC - Part A, MAC - Part B)
A53001	Billing and Coding: Wound Care	Article	Novitas Solutions, Inc. (MAC - Part A, MAC - Part B)

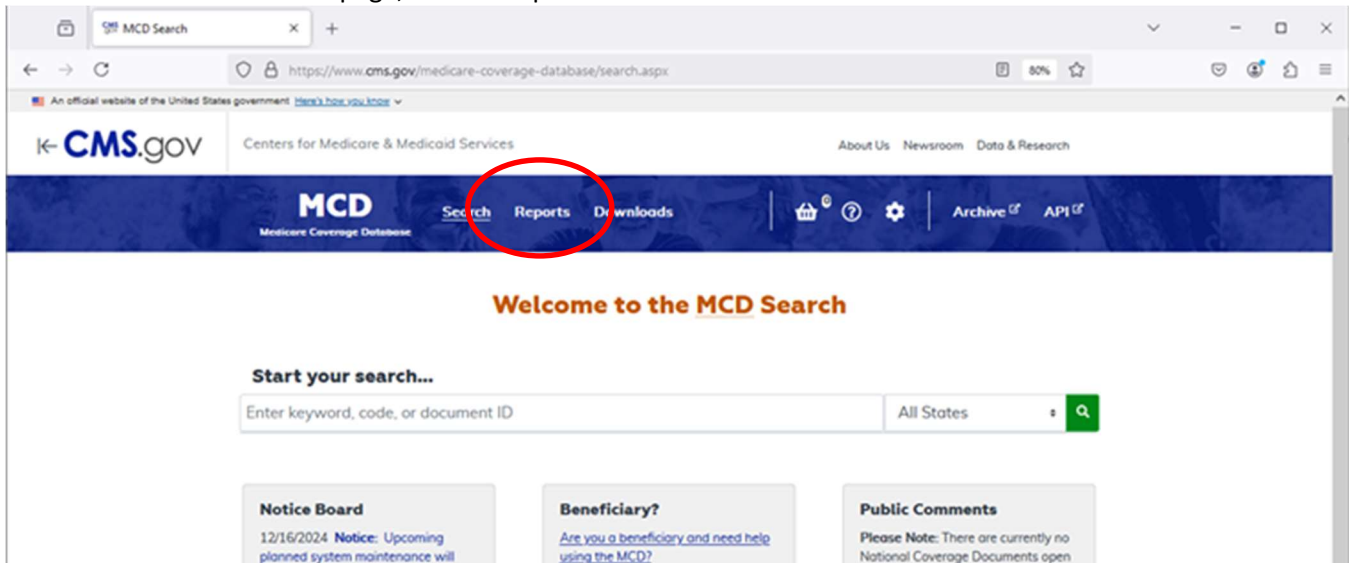
The 'Total Results' are 2. The 'Selected Criteria' section shows:

- Keyword Starts With: debridement
- Document Type(s): NCDs, B&C Articles, Final LCDs, ...More
- State(s): Texas
- Contractor(s): All Contractors
- CPT/HCPCS: 97597

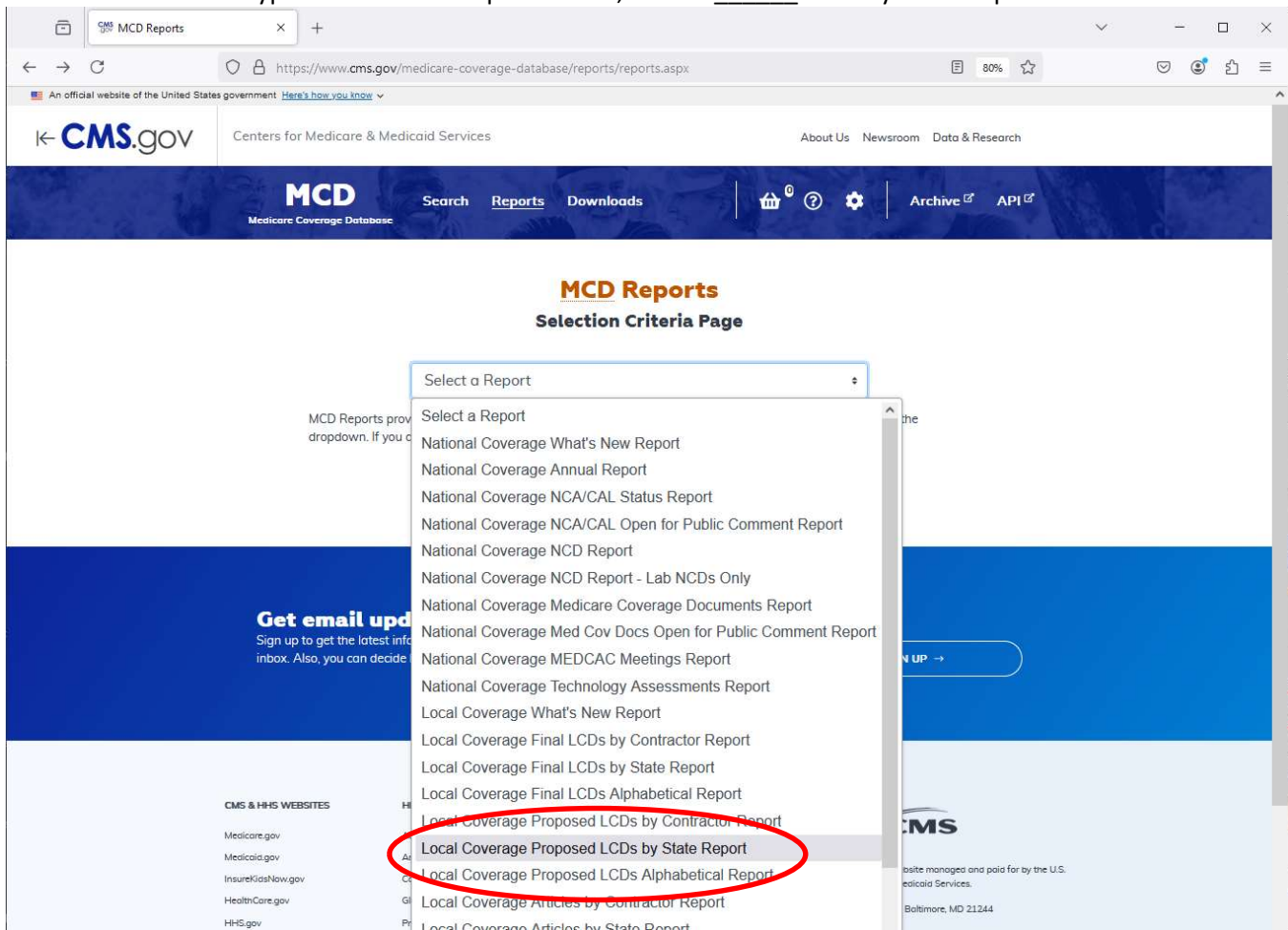
Search by Reports

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. 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”.



Select the document type. For LCDs or Proposed LCDs, select “_____ LCDs by State Report”.



Select your State and Medicare Contractor. Click “Submit”.

MCD Reports
Selection Criteria Page

Local Coverage Proposed LCDs by State Report

View Proposed Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) for one or more state(s). Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) publish Proposed LCDs before an LCD becomes final.

Puerto Rico
 Rhode Island
 South Carolina
 South Dakota
 Tennessee
Texas
 Utah
 Vermont
 Virginia

All Contractor Numbers
 CGS Administrators, LLC (DME MAC, 18003, J - Q)
Novitas Solutions, Inc. (A and B MAC, 04411, J - H)
 Novitas Solutions, Inc. (A and B MAC, 04412, J - H)
 Novitas Solutions, Inc. (A and B MAC, 04911, J - H)
 Palmetto Health System (MAC - Part A, 11004, J - M)
 WPS Insurance Corporation (MAC - Part A, 05901, J - O)

Submit

An alphabetical list of this document type for your state will be displayed. The document number of proposed LCD will have “DL” followed by a 5 digit number.

Local Coverage Proposed LCDs by State Report Results

Novitas Solutions, Inc. (A and B MAC, 04411, J - H) All Statuses Sort By: Title

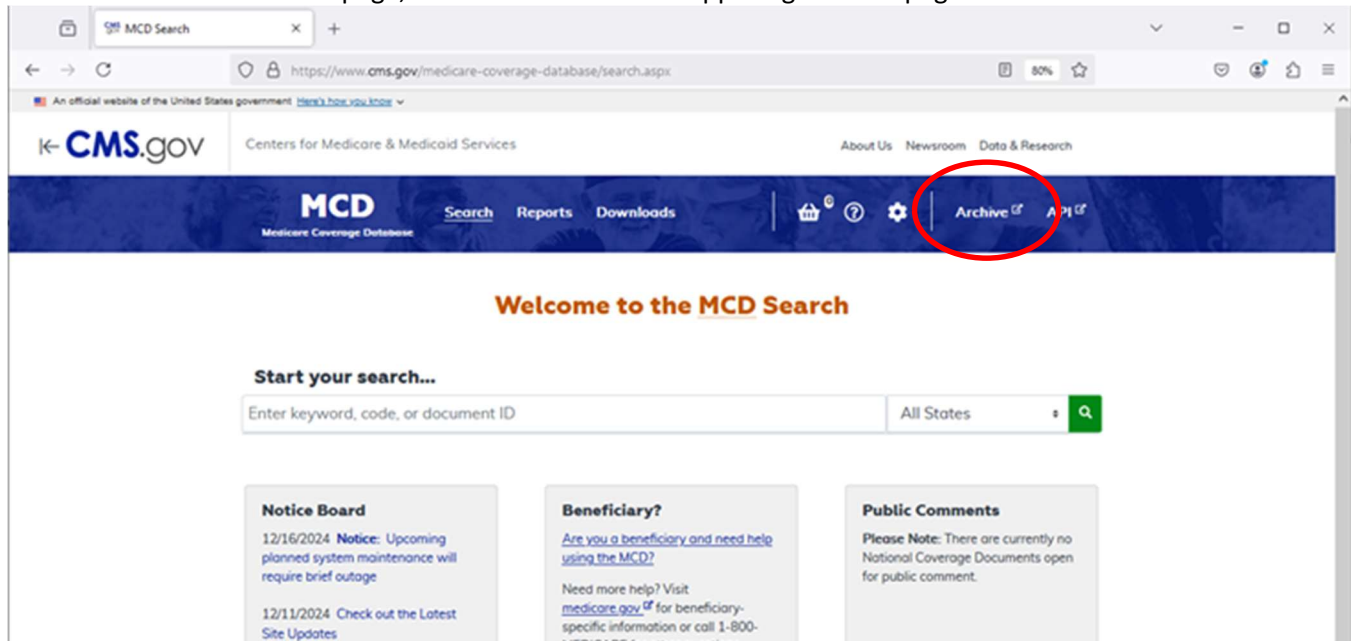
Jump to: A | B | C | F | I | J | S | T Total Results: 9

ID	Title	Contractor	Status	Comment Period	Notice Period	Final LCD ID
A (2)						
DL36240	Allergen Immunotherapy	Novitas Solutions, Inc. (MAC - Part A, MAC - Part B)	Final Issued	09/28/2023 - 11/11/2023	02/15/2024 - 03/30/2024	L36240
DL39879	Amniotic and Placental-Derived Product Injections and/or Applications for Musculoskeletal Indications, Non-Wound	Novitas Solutions, Inc. (MAC - Part A, MAC - Part B)	Final Issued	06/06/2024 - 07/20/2024	10/17/2024 - 11/30/2024	L39879
B (1)						
DL38809	Botulinum Toxins	Novitas Solutions, Inc. (MAC - Part A, MAC - Part B)	Comments Ended	10/10/2024 - 11/23/2024	N/A	N/A
C (1)						
DL39793	Cervical Fusion	Novitas Solutions, Inc. (MAC - Part A, MAC - Part B)	Final Issued	02/15/2024 - 03/30/2024	06/27/2024 - 08/10/2024	L39793

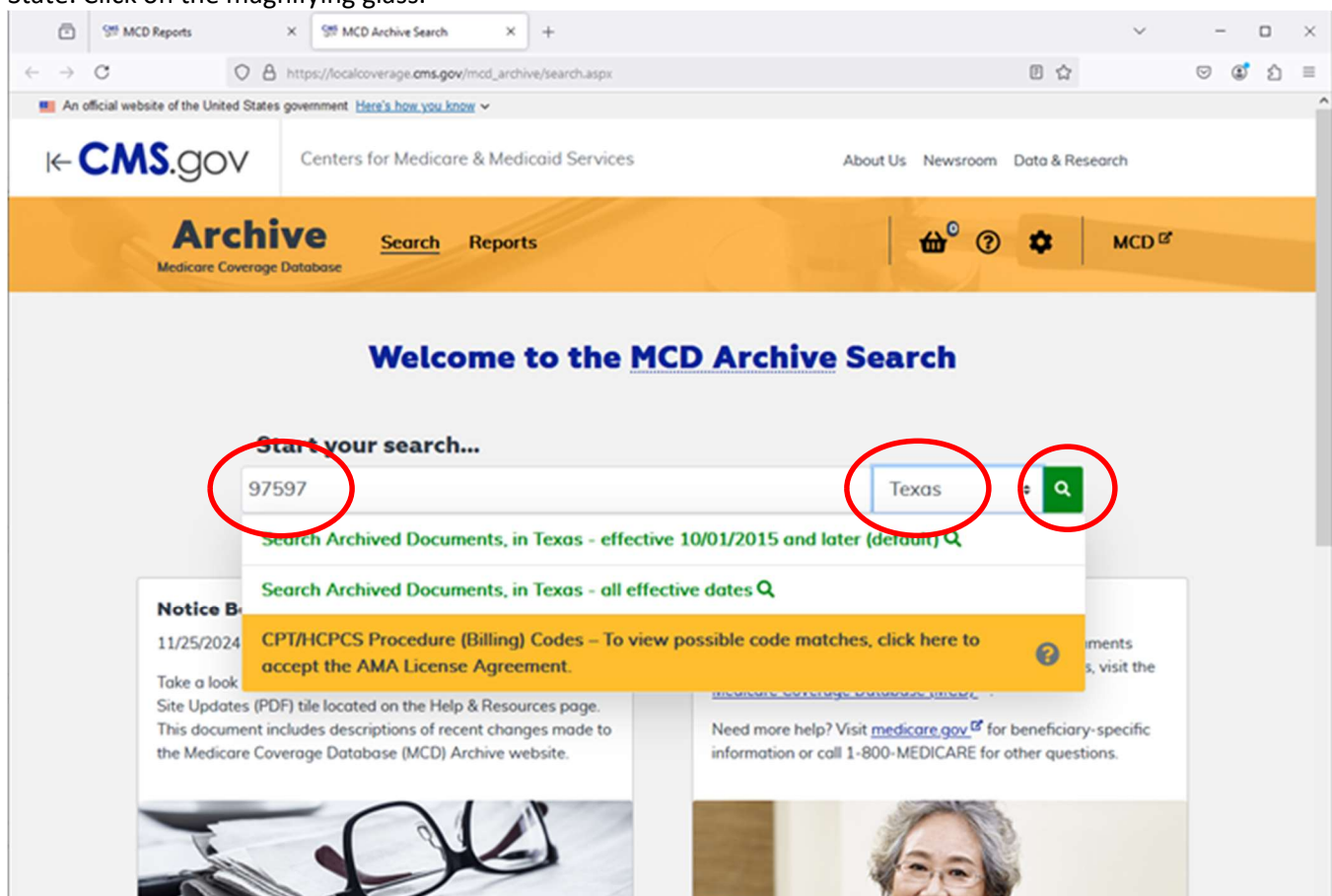
Older Retired Policies

Medicare moves older retired policies and articles to an archive. It is possible to search the MCD Archive.

From the main MCD Search page, select “Archive” at the upper right of the page.



On the Archive page, in the “Start your search” section, type a keyword or CPT/HCPCS number and select your State. Click on the magnifying glass.



An alphabetical list of all relevant archived documents for your state will be displayed. You can narrow the list by clicking on “All Document Types” and selecting only certain document types.

Search Results

97597 Starts With **All Document Types** Texas All Contractors More (1) Sort By: Relevance

New search | Copy this search

Jump to: Entire Document Results Total Results: 14

ID	Title	Type	Contractor	Last Updated	
Entire Document Results (14)					
DL30135 (Retired) (Comments Ended 12/03/2008)	Application of Bioengineered Skin Substitutes	Proposed LCD	WPS Insurance Corporation (Carrier, FL, MAC - Part A, MAC - Part B)	01/14/2010	
A53001 (Superseded)	Billing and Coding: Wound Care	Article	Novitas Solutions, Inc. (MAC - Part A, MAC - Part B)	01/10/2020	

See Also

- Between January 2019 and January 2020, codes (CPT/ HCPCS, ICD-10, etc.) moved from LCDs to Articles. This may affect your search results. [Learn more](#)
- If you need current or future effective versions, please visit the [MCD](#) for more results.

Selected Criteria

- Keyword Starts With: 97597
- Document Type(s): B&C Articles, Draft Articles, SAD Articles, [More](#)
- State(s): Texas
- Contractor(s): All Contractors
- Date Criteria: Archived